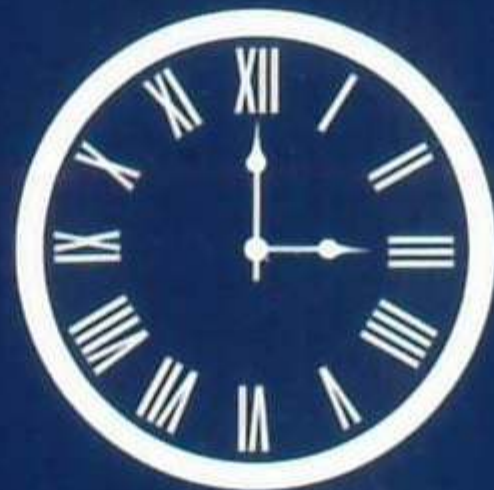


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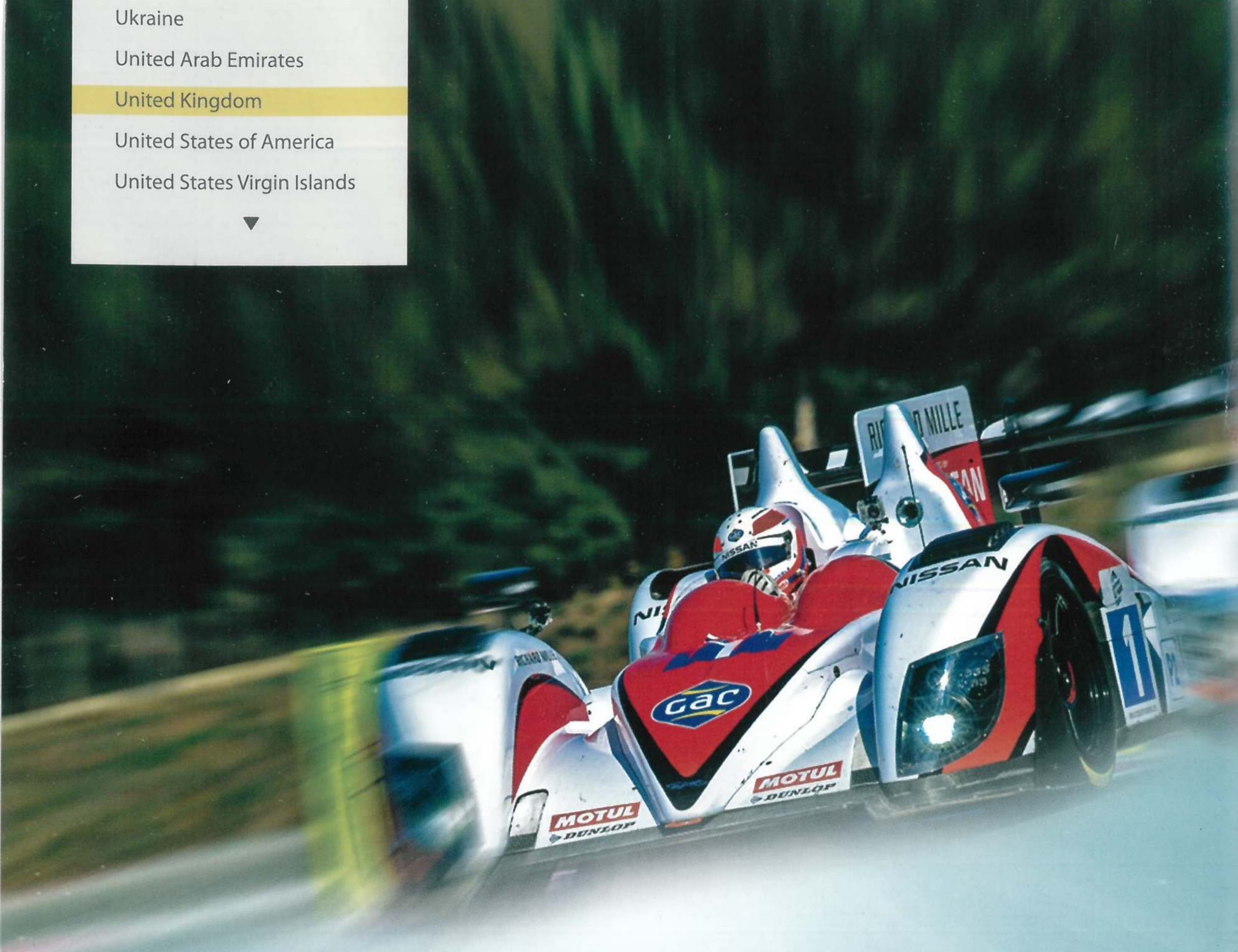
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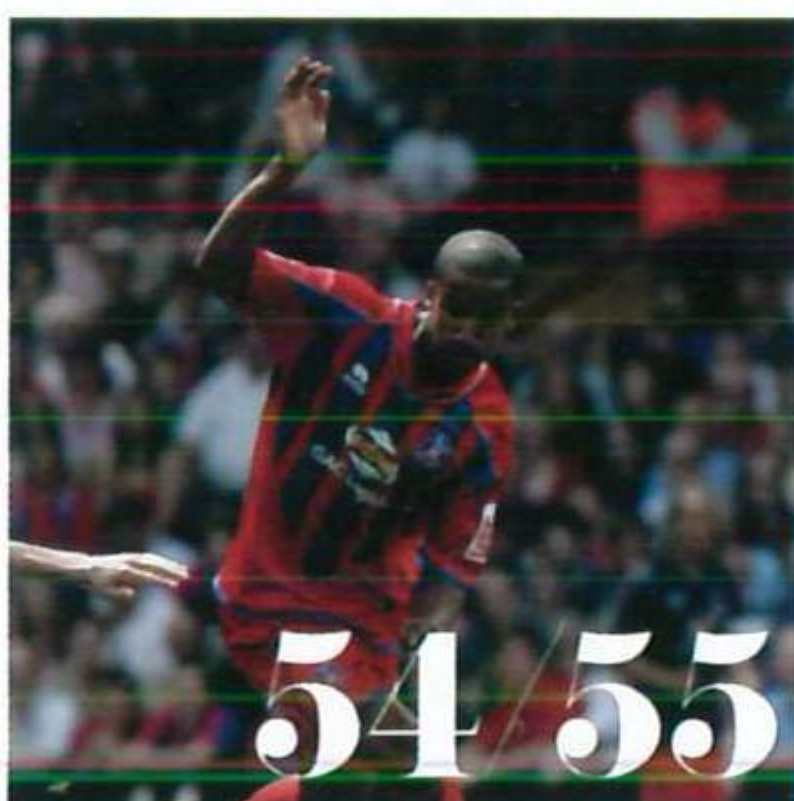
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From The



If you don't have your head on straight in this game you could be caught in all sorts of emotions. We went to Stoke and lost 4-1 in an FA Cup tie but overall we gave a fantastic account of ourselves on Tuesday night and being perfectly blunt over the two games we would have picked up two points out of six against a Premier League side who have finished in the top half of the league in the last couple of years.

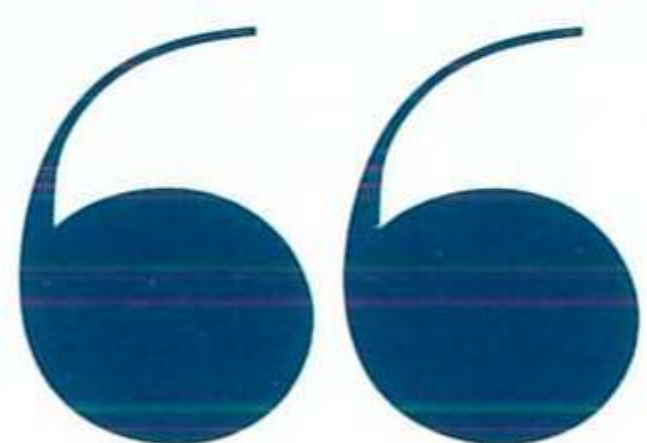
Unfortunately extra time killed us because we had a number of players out there who hadn't played for a few weeks. I wanted Matt Parsons, Jonny Williams, Aaron Wilbraham and Jermaine Easter to have 90 minutes but they had to end up having 120, it was a monumental effort from the lads and the whole squad were completely terrific.

Tuesday night showed the strength in depth that a team like Stoke City have and how important the bench can be, they brought on Cameron Jerome and Kenwyn Jones while Michael Owen was not needed. It just goes to show the difference but nevertheless I am so proud of not just the effort but also the way we played, the way we kept the ball and chances we created. The goalkeeper made a really good save to deny us our chance from the penalty spot then made another important later in the game and then Aaron Wilbraham headed wide, it's great for me to see so many good performances and let's not forget Hiram Boateng on his debut at just 17 years of age. Apart from the younger lads I would like to mention the senior pros in my squad who are a credit to themselves and the club. Well done to the people who brought them into this club because they led by example and were absolutely terrific.

This afternoon I welcome Dougie Freedman and all that have made the journey down from Bolton Wanderers for this game. From my point of view it is more about the players on the pitch and seeing who can win on the day and not anything to do with him or me. I would though like to thank him for the state that he left this football club in for me to take over, it has been terrific for me to come into and hopefully take on from here.

I have been talking to the chairman about adding quality to this squad and my first two sign-

Dugout



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ings at the club, Alex Nimely and Jacob Butterfield, have both got that vital ingredient. Alex hasn't played a great deal of games even though he has had some time out on loan at other clubs, I have talked to him about what is expected and he is looking forward to getting the chance to show us what can be done and has already scored a couple of goals for the club. As he couldn't play in the cup game he played in an under 21 game in midweek and scored a brace so it excites me what he can bring to the squad.

Jacob is one of the best players in the Championship without doubt; he was bought by a newly promoted team and has been back playing after a knee injury had kept him out. He is an absolutely wonderful lad who can pass with both feet so I'm looking forward to seeing what his quality can bring to the squad.

I am looking forward to the next few months ahead with no doubt in my mind that we will take

Above: Holloway gives his team talk on the Britannia Stadium pitch before extra time.

gamble, we will throw money forward when the time is right and keep going to hit the targets of where we are aiming to get to.

From a personal point of view it is exhilarating for me to be part of this because I can see us getting stronger with more depth, giving our young lads experience whether that is with us or me making the decision to loan them out. I can only see us getting stronger and from the position we are in we can mount a real challenge in the months ahead. It's going to be exciting so let's all enjoy this together and see where it takes us. ■

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From The Dressing Room

Mile Jedinak

Captain



I can't speak highly enough of how the boys went out there and performed against Stoke on Tuesday. I thought we gave a very good account of ourselves. At the end of the game we didn't get the result that we all wanted but by no means was the scoreline a reflection of the difference between the two teams on the night. We're very proud as a team; there were some boys out there who hadn't played for a while and who hadn't played in such a big game in the first team in particular.

Huge congratulations must go to Hiram Boateng on his debut. He's a really good kid and I thought he did exceptionally well. It was a big game to go into against Premier League opposition who are always going to be a big challenge but he handled himself very well. I thought he grew in confidence as the game went on and showed his qualities throughout. I'm sure it's something now that he's got a taste for and he will be striving for bigger things by aiming to get more game time this season.

“Huge congratulations must go to Hiram Boateng on his debut. He's a really good kid and I thought he did exceptionally well.”

In particular, I was really pleased with the determination that the lads showed against Stoke. A couple in particular hadn't had much game time and you could see that towards the end of the 120 minutes, but there was real strength, character and determination out there. I was really impressed with the way everyone handled themselves.

With the schedule we've had recently we haven't had much time to focus on Dougie Freedman's return at the time of writing, although I'm sure by the time you're reading these notes we will have spent a good couple of days at the training ground focusing on Bolton. We know there's history there but we need a victory so it's just another game for us. We'll just be looking to show our

quality on the pitch so that we can get a positive result, which is needed considering where we are in the league. We're playing at home and our sole focus now is on the league, which is probably not the worst thing. But it's certainly a big game.

This has been a really tough period in terms of the amount of fixtures and we now know that we've got a weekend off next week but we try not to look too far ahead. We take it game by game and hopefully we can overcome the test today and then we think about the rest after that, hopefully with a positive result.

Finally from me, a reminder that there are only two weeks left to get 2013/14 season tickets at the best prices. The club have had a brilliant response so far and it almost goes without saying that your support is hugely appreciated by all the boys here. ■

Mile Jedinak,



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News Round Up

Butterfield Joins On Loan



Palace are delighted to confirm the signing of Jacob Butterfield on loan from Norwich City until February 19th.

The midfielder has made three appearances for Norwich this season, having moved from Barnsley in the summer where he established a reputation as one of the best midfielders in the Championship.

Butterfield has previously been on loan at Bolton this season and he made eight appearances for Dougie Freedman's side.

Butterfield told the official Palace website: "Palace have been trying to push it through for a while and have been waiting for Norwich to give permission (*for the move*) so I'm delighted it's been done now. I was impressed with the enthusiasm of the manager to get me to join the club and he made me



believe he's going to do well by me, so he was a big influence on coming.

"When I went to Bolton I really needed a loan spell to get some games, whilst I was there I played well and I'm

starting to get back to the player that I was before my injury. I'm just looking to build on that again and really get back to the sort of form I know I'm capable of." ■

Junior Eagles Prize Winners



Thanks to all the Junior Eagles who entered our recent competition to draw your favourite Palace player and congratulations to nine year old Louis Tucker (*right*) and 12 year old Louie Mulvaney (*top*) who both won copies of the FIFA 13 computer game. Both winners will receive their copies shortly in the post. ■



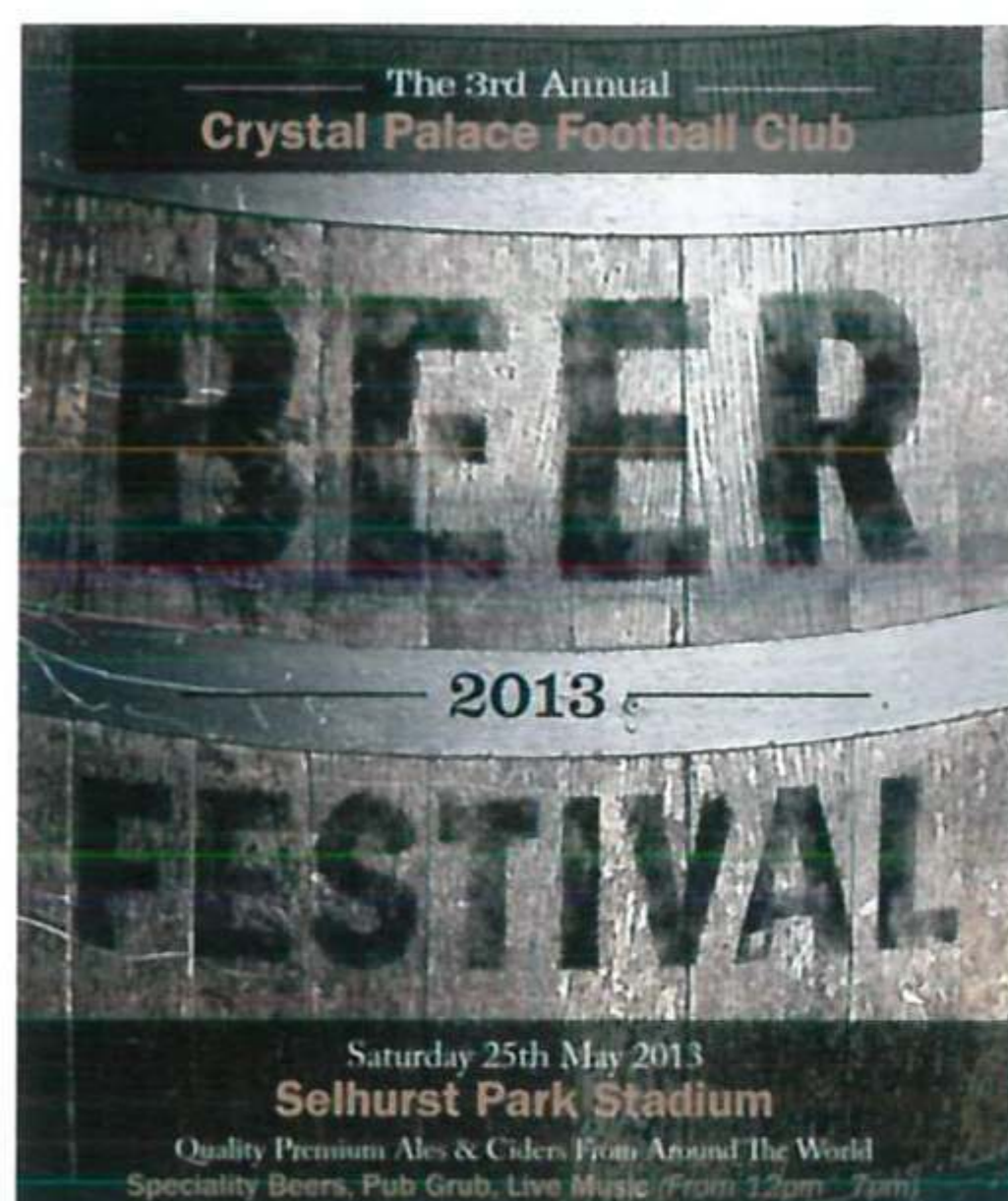
Selhurst Superdraw

Tom Baxter was the winner of the Selhurst Super Draw from the match against Stoke City and took home the first prize of £765.

Congratulations to Tom, who has supported the club for 20 years and currently watches our home games from the Lower Holmesdale Stand.

This afternoon's Selhurst Super Draw will be on sale prior to the game and the winning number will be announced during half-time today. ■





Beer Festival Date Confirmed

Following on from a record event last year, the third annual Crystal Palace Beer Festival will once again be held in the Holmesdale Road Stand on Saturday, May 25th, 2013, from 12pm to 7pm.

In just three years the Palace Beer Festival has become one of the biggest celebrations of ale & cider in the south of England. This year there will be an

even greater choice, with more than 150 beers and ciders from around the world showcased – including speciality bottled beers for the first time.

The club are also delighted to announce that this year the event will be sponsored by Cornwall's Sharp's Brewery, home to the famous Doom Bar Ale, and our commemorative glass sponsors are Croydon's Cronx Brewery, one of the many superb new brewers emerging across the region.

We also welcome the support this season of The London Brewers Alliance, a loose collective of breweries within the M25 celebrating and promoting the resurgence of brewing in London. There will be also live music, pub grub, the Crystal Girls, and special guest appearances.

Tickets can be purchased online or via the box office at £6 per person. The ticket price will include a free event programme with comprehensive information on every beer and cider at the festival, and a free commemorative beer glass. Ticket prices will be £12 on the day.

To book your tickets or for more information on what will once again be a very popular event, contact the box office on **08712 000071** or via email **beerfestival@cpfc.co.uk** ■

TV Prize Awarded



New Year's Day saw the final leg of the club's Coors raffle in the Glaziers Bar, during which, over the last few weeks, Molson Coors have generously donated prizes and the club have provided Crystal Palace merchandise and tickets to a lucky winner at the end of each game.

The grand finale was to win a 51 inch LG Razor flatscreen TV and the lucky winner was lifelong Palace fan Geoff Wheeler from Addiscombe. Congratulations to Geoff, who said: "I was absolutely delighted when my ticket was drawn. I have been an Eagles fan for years and never won anything in my whole life, so I was pleasantly surprised!" ■



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Line-up for 3pm Saturday games.

10am The Late & Lazy Breakfast Show with Nigel Wearing, Keeley Harper & Rebecca Prout bringing you the latest music releases, birthday requests, topical chat and early from Selhurst Park.

12noon The Palace Radio News Hour with Jerry Clark, John Burgess & Ian King with everything you need to know about today's game – news, views & interviews.

1pm The Old One~Two with James O'Reilly, Ian Hart & Keith Jeffcoat. Discussion on everything that has happened at Selhurst since our last home game.

2pm - Big Match Countdown with Nick Macdonald, Clive Bowden & Trevor Hayes. First with the team news just as soon as it becomes available.

3pm – Big Match Commentary with Eamonn Marren & Darryl Murdoch. Full match commentary – all the action as it happens.

5pm - Reaction to the Action with Bill Relyea & Chris Green - taking your calls on 020 8653 5796 & texts 079 100 60 919. Have your say on this afternoon's Palace performance.

Line-up for 8pm midweek games

4pm Drive Time with Nigel Wearing

6pm The Palace Radio News Hour with Jerry Clark, John Burgess & Ian King

7pm Big Match Countdown with Nick Macdonald, Clive Bowden & Trevor Hayes

8pm Big Match Commentary with Eamonn Marren & Darryl Murdoch

9.45pm Reaction to the Action with Bill Relyea & Chris Green



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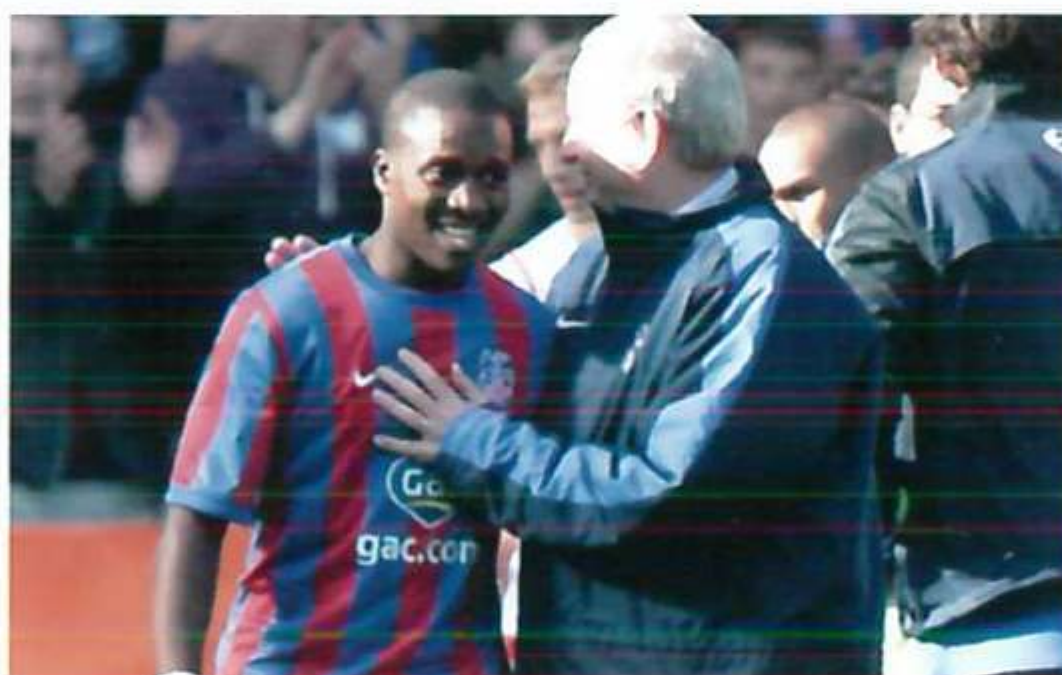


Welcome back to Selhurst Park for our game against Bolton Wanderers. If you are reading this before the game and fancy a pint, pop down to Glaziers Bar where a mini beer festival is in progress. We have draught ales - Blonde, Standard and Porter - from our friends at the Cronx Brewery as well as bottled beers from the Kernel and, of course, Palace Ale. There will be personal appearances from actor, brewer and Palace fan Neil Morrissey as well as former players and our manager Ian Holloway.

This event is just a small "taster" of what's to come as we are delighted to announce that our third annual beer festival will take place on Saturday May 25th 2013. It will be held in the Holmesdale Stand and we're looking to make it bigger and better than last year, with more than 150 ales and ciders from around the world on offer. We'll also be offering bottled beers for the first time, have some brilliant live entertainment including the Crystal Girls, pub grub and loads more. Make a note in your diary now and do buy your tickets well in advance as it is expected to be a sell-out. They are £6 in advance which includes a souvenir glass and programme.

I thought that the lads played really well against Stoke for the first 90 minutes and I'd like to thank all the Palace fans who braved the icy conditions and the long journey home. Now we can concentrate on the league!

I'd like to remind you that we are



Photos (Clockwise): Dougie celebrates Alan Lee's goal against Sheffield Wednesday. Lennie Lawrence congratulates Ibra Sekajja on his equalising goal against Hull City. Dougie scoring the winner against Stockport to keep Palace up.



I hope that all Palace fans remember that this is a man who gave his all to our club when he was here. As the song goes "He saved us three times" and we should not forget that.

now in the last fortnight of the first phase of season ticket sales. You need to apply now to buy at the discounted prices. We have made a huge effort to keep these prices as low as possible and also offer payment by 12 monthly instalments. Under 10s go free in the family areas with an adult and junior prices (*up to under 18*) start at the equivalent of £5 per game. Also, we now offer concession prices to 18-21 year olds as well as OAPs and students of any age.

Finally I'd like to welcome back

Dougie, Lennie and Curtis. When we appointed Dougie as manager many people were surprised at our choice but, through incredible hard work and determination, he kept us up against the odds and then progressed us last year. We were all desperately disappointed when he decided to move on to Bolton but I hope that all Palace fans remember that this is a man who gave his all to our club when he was here. As the song goes "He saved us three times" and we should not forget that. ■



Bolton Wanderers F.C.

Bolton haven't settled into life in the Championship as well as they would have liked following their Premier League relegation last season. The Trotters' 11 year stay in the top tier of English football came to an end last year when they were relegated on the last day of the season by just one point.

Since their move to the Reebok Stadium in 1997, the club had enjoyed one of the best periods in their history. Under the management of Sam Allardyce, they reached the League Cup final in 2004, losing out to Middlesbrough, and finished in the top ten in four consecutive seasons. Two of those finishes led to UEFA Cup qualification, before Allardyce departed in 2007.

Two seasons of what seemed relative stagnation followed under Gary Megson and his departure paved the way for Owen Coyle's appointment at the Reebok. Coyle steered Bolton to safety in his first season but was unable to repeat the trick last year.

Coyle was soon given his marching orders, with Bolton in 18th after 10 games and it soon became apparent that Dougie Freedman was the club's number one target. The Palace boss soon took up the reigns at the Reebok, but has yet to see his Wanderers side move up the table significantly. ■



Honours

First Division Champions:
1953/54, 1957/58, 1958/59

Second Division Champions:
1908/09, 1977/78, 1996/97

Third Division Champions:
1972/73

FA Cup: 1923, 1926,
1929, 1958

FA Charity Shield: 1958

Last 10 League Positions



This Season's Stats



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The bookmakers odds of Bolton winning the Championship at the start of the season.

Founded: 1874
Location: Greater Manchester
Ground: Reebok Stadium
Nickname: The Whites
Chairman: Phil Gartside



Home

Away



Left: Chung Yong Lee celebrates with team-mates after scoring Bolton's second goal against Blackpool in the 2-2 in November.

The Manager Dougie Freedman



Freedman was a Palace legend as a player and until October was proving to be a very useful Palace manger as he learnt his trade at Selhurst Park.

The twice-capped Scotland international began his career at Barnet, making around 50 appearances before beginning his first spell at Palace in 1997. He went on to play for Wolves and Nottingham Forest before returning to Selhurst Park in 2000 for eight years, where he will be most fondly remembered for his last minute goal against Stockport County which prevented relegation to the third tier.

In total he made 368 appearances for the club, scoring 108 goals including a number of memorable

strikes in relegation battles and play-off triumphs. He had a short spell at Leeds before ending his career at Southend United in 2010 to return to south London and assist with the club's battle against relegation and administration.

After narrowly avoiding the drop, he was then appointed as George Burley's assistant manager in June 2010 after CPFC2010 secured their takeover of the club, eventually taking over the reins from Burley on a permanent basis following the sacking of the former Ipswich boss in December 2010.

Freedman led the Eagles to Championship stability under the guidance of the new owners and masterminded Palace's memorable journey to the League Cup semi-final last season before his long-term affair ended abruptly when he left for the Reebok Stadium in October this season.

Since beginning his Bolton managerial career with an impressive victory over current league leaders Cardiff City, Freedman's time in the north-west has been decidedly mixed, with Wanderers only recording five wins in his 18 games to date. ■

Club Legend Nat Lofthouse

Bolton-born Lofthouse was a one-club legend who spent more than 20 years in Lancashire as a player. Making his debut as a 15 year old, he soon became a fans' favourite and a much feared centre-forward. By 25 he was an England international and he went on to score 30 goals for his country at over a goal a game.

Famously nicknamed the Lion of Vienna for his bravery in a game against Austria, he stayed at Bolton until injuries forced his retirement having racked up more than 250 goals in less than 500 games. Later chief scout, manager and president he received an OBE before his death in 2001 and has a stand named after him at the Reebok.



Record As Manager Of Bolton Wanderers



Today's Opposition

01

Adam Bogdan

Nationality: *Hungarian* Age: 25

Goalkeeper



After joining Bolton from Hungarian outfit Vasas in 2007, Bogdan had to wait patiently as the under study to the consistent Jussi Jaaskelainen. A chance came in January 2012 when an injury to Jaaskelainen gave Bogdan his opportunity and after some fantastic displays, which included a stunning penalty save from Wayne Rooney at Old Trafford, the Hungarian has made the number one shirt his own.

Previous Clubs: Vasas, Vecses (loan), Crewe (loan)

02

Tyrone Mears

Nationality: *English* Age: 29

Defender



Mears joined Bolton from Burnley in the same deal that brought Chris Eagles to the club. He has a wealth of experience having started his career at Preston, and had a short frustrating spell at West Ham before he caught the eye at Derby and then Burnley as they won promotion. Playing all 38 Premier League games, he later joined Bolton but spent a year on the side-lines before his recent return.

Previous Clubs: Man City, Preston, West Ham, Derby

03

Marcos Alonso

Nationality: *Spanish* Age: 22

Defender



Born in Madrid, Alonso comes from a rich footballing pedigree. His grandfather played for Real Madrid in the late 50s and early 60s, while his father played for arch rivals Barcelona in the mid-80s. The highly rated 21-year-old progressed through the youth ranks at the Santiago Bernabeu before signing for Bolton in the summer of 2010. He has made 11 appearances across the back four this season.

Previous Clubs: Real Madrid



04

Matt Mills

Nationality: *English* Age: 26

Defender



Mills signed for Bolton from Leicester City in July 2012 after just one season with the Foxes following a multi-million pound move from Reading. The centre-half has a wealth of Championship experience, having spent two years chasing promotion with the Royals and offers a threat from set-pieces with his powerful ability in the air.

Previous Clubs: Southampton, Manchester City, Doncaster, Reading, Leicester

05

Tim Ream

Nationality: *American* Age: 25

Defender



Ream joined Bolton from New York Red Bulls during last year's January transfer window after establishing himself in the MLS. An American international, he received his first call up in 2010 and went on to represent the United States at the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup. He made his Bolton debut in last year's 2-0 FA cup victory over Millwall and has made 25 appearances to date.

Previous Clubs: Chicago Fire, New York Red Bulls

12 Zat Knight Nationality: English Age: 32 **Defender**



Knight is an imposing presence at 6ft 6in and has a wealth of experience having made his professional debut for Fulham back in 2000. He made the move to the Reebok in July 2009, having spent two seasons with Aston Villa, and has gone on to make more than 100 appearances for the club. The central defender has also been capped twice by his country.

Previous Clubs: Peterborough, Fulham and Aston Villa.

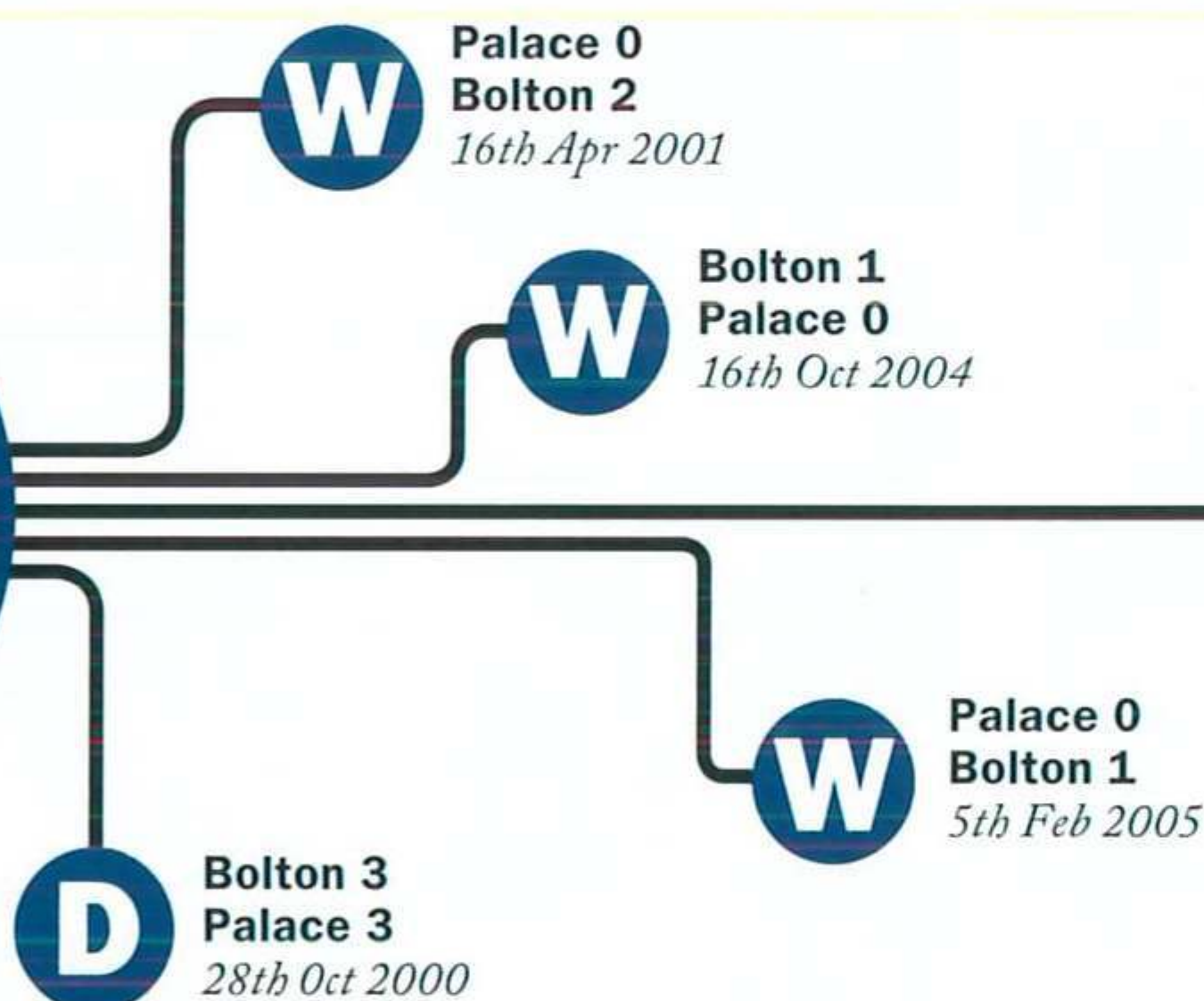
18 Sam Ricketts Nationality: Welsh Age: 31 **Defender**



Ricketts joined Wanderers at the start of the 2009/10 season from Hull City. A snapped achilles tendon suffered in an FA cup replay against Wigan meant him missing the back end of 2010/11 and the start of 2011/12 but he marked his return from injury with the club's goal of the season against Wolves last year. A seasoned Wales international he signed a new deal with the club in the summer.

Previous Clubs: Oxford United, Telford, Swansea, Hull City.

Last 5 Against Palace



Bolton 0-1 Palace
29 Sept 2012

08 Keith Andrews Nationality: Irish Age: 32 **Midfielder**



Andrews joined Bolton on a free transfer after his contract with West Brom expired in the summer. The Republic of Ireland international is vastly-experienced, having had successful spells at MK Dons, Blackburn Rovers and Ipswich, where he notably scored nine goals in 20 league games. Earlier in his career he won the League Two player of the year award as the Dons were promoted as Champions.

Previous Clubs: Wolves, Hull, MK Dons, Blackburn, WBA

16 Mark Davies Nationality: English Age: 24 **Midfielder**



The highly-rated midfielder was named as the club's players' player of the year for the 2011/12 season and is contracted to the club until 2015 after signing an extension in February 2011. Davies was originally a product of the youth academy at Wolves but joined Bolton having only just made the breakthrough into the first team. An England youth international, injuries have hampered a promising career to date.

Previous Clubs: Wolves

Today's Opposition

20 Jay Spearing Midfielder Nationality: English Age: 24



Wanderers confirmed the signing of Jay Spearing on a season-long loan deal from Liverpool on 31 August 2012, as the 23-year-old put pen-to-paper at the Reebok immediately after returning from Liverpool's opening Europa League tie against FC Gomel. The midfielder has spent his whole career at home-town club Liverpool, apart from a brief spell at Leicester City in 2009, and has been almost ever-present for Bolton.
Previous Clubs: Liverpool

21 Darren Pratley Midfielder Nationality: English Age: 27



In his first season at Bolton, Pratley made 32 appearances and scored his first Wanderers goal against former employers Swansea in a 2-1 victory in the FA Cup. The 27 year old had previously made just under 200 appearances during a five-year spell with the Welsh outfit. His last outing for the Swans being the play-off final win over Reading that secured the club's recent promotion to the Premier League.
Previous Clubs: Fulham, Brentford (loan), Swansea.

27 Chung-Yong Lee Midfielder Nationality: South Korean Age: 24



After signing from FC Seoul in August 2009, Lee excelled and became a firm fans' favourite with the skills and ingenuity which had made him one of the most exciting prospects in Asia prior to his transfer from FC Seoul. He played a starring role in South Korea's 2010 World Cup run, scoring goals against Argentina and Uruguay as his nation reached the last 16.
Previous Clubs: FC Seoul

09 David N'gog Striker Nationality: French Age: 23



Prior to joining the Whites, Ngog had three years of experience in the Barclays Premier League with Liverpool, having moved to England from Paris St Germain in 2008. During his time at Anfield, the pacey frontman netted a total of 19 goals and was largely used as a back-up to Fernando Torres. A French youth international he has yet to fulfil his obvious promise.
Previous Clubs: PSG, Liverpool



Young Gun U21

19 Marvin Sordell Striker Nationality: English Age: 21

The 21 year old shot to fame with a number of eye-catching displays for Watford in the Championship, scoring 10 goals in the first half of last season for the Hornets, following the previous season's haul of 15. In total the youngster averaged a goal every three games for the Vicarage Road outfit, and scored on debut for both England under-20s and the under-21s to enhance his reputation as one for the future.

Previous Clubs: Watford, Wealdstone (loan) Tranmere (loan)

07

Chris Eagles

Nationality: *English* Age: 27

Midfielder



A former member of the academy at Watford and then Manchester United, his opportunities were limited at Old Trafford, and he went on loan to numerous clubs including Sheffield Wednesday and Dutch side NEC before a permanent move to Burnley. A creative midfielder and a dangerous dribbler, he played a key role in the Clarets promotion to the Premier League. He joined Bolton in July 2011 under his old Burnley boss Owen Coyle, topping the clubs assist charts and becoming a firm favourite with the home crowd. He is Bolton's top scorer with seven goals and leads the division in assists this season with 12.

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One To Watch

Previous Clubs: Manchester United, Watford (loan), Sheffield Wednesday (loan), NEC (loan) and Burnley.

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Kevin Davies

Nationality: *English* Age: 35

Striker



Few players epitomise a club as Davies does Bolton, for whom he has been a talisman since his arrival from Southampton in 2003. The former Chesterfield, Southampton and Blackburn man will be aiming to pass 400 appearances for Wanderers this season, after signing a contract extension in the summer in a bid to help the club return to the Premier League.

Previous Clubs: Chesterfield, Southampton, Blackburn, Millwall (loan)

28

Craig Davies

Nationality: *Welsh* Age: 27

Striker



Just brought into the club by Dougie Freedman from Championship strugglers Barnsley, Davies could make his league debut for Bolton today having sat out last weekend's draw with Millwall. The Welsh striker has fought up the leagues and caught the eye with 23 goals in 41 league games at Chesterfield before scoring at a goal every three games for the Tykes.

Previous Clubs: Oxford, Hellas Verona, Oldham, Brighton, Chesterfield, Barnsley

From The Press Box

In Each Programme We Speak To a Member Of The Opposition's Local Press.

Today's Guest Writer:

Marc Iles

The Bolton News

Prediction:

Palace 1-2 Bolton

How has Dougie Freedman settled in as manager?

He has done fine. Dougie has brought with him a style of play you'll probably recognise at Palace and it has taken a little time to bed down. But I think he's definitely getting there, and the team look much more solid than they did earlier in the season.

Presumably the expectation for Owen Coyle was promotion or at least the play-offs, is that still the case?

At the start of the season, the club made little secret of the fact that the play-offs were the minimum expected, but best laid plans and all that.

I think there has been a general acceptance that Dougie will need time to turn things round, and while the play-offs are still achievable for sure, I think a longer-term view is being taken at the moment.

In a mixed season to date who has stood out for Wanderers?

For me, the most consistent player of an inconsistent season so far has been Jay Spearing. He has been outstanding since coming in on loan from Liverpool and his performance in the FA Cup against Sunderland was as good as I've seen from anyone all season.

Everyone is capable of a match-winning show on their day – and I'd also pick out Chris Eagles as someone who can turn a game on its head with a trick or a goal out of the blue.

He works very, very hard for the team and deserves a bit of recognition for that in my book.

What does Freedman need to change for Bolton to move up the table and will he be allowed to strengthen in January?

He has own plan and inevitably, that is going to require a change in personnel.

I know he is looking to bring through the club's younger players – just as he did at Palace – and there are some real gems in there like Josh Vela, Joe Riley, Sami Odelusi and Chris Lester. Ultimately, Dougie needs to bring some consistency to the club. It may well take time, but I think the fans are buying into what he wants to do.

Is the club's aim generally to spend the parachute payments on getting back to the Premier League as soon as possible?

No. I think the owner Eddie Davies and chairman Phil Gartside have been making moves to restructure the club's wage bill and outgoings even before last season's relegation. I cannot see them gambling on spending big. They will back Dougie with money in January, I'm sure, but no-one will be taking chances with the club's future. ■



“For me, the most consistent player of an inconsistent season so far has been Jay Spearing. He has been outstanding since coming in on loan from Liverpool.”



Spy In The Camp

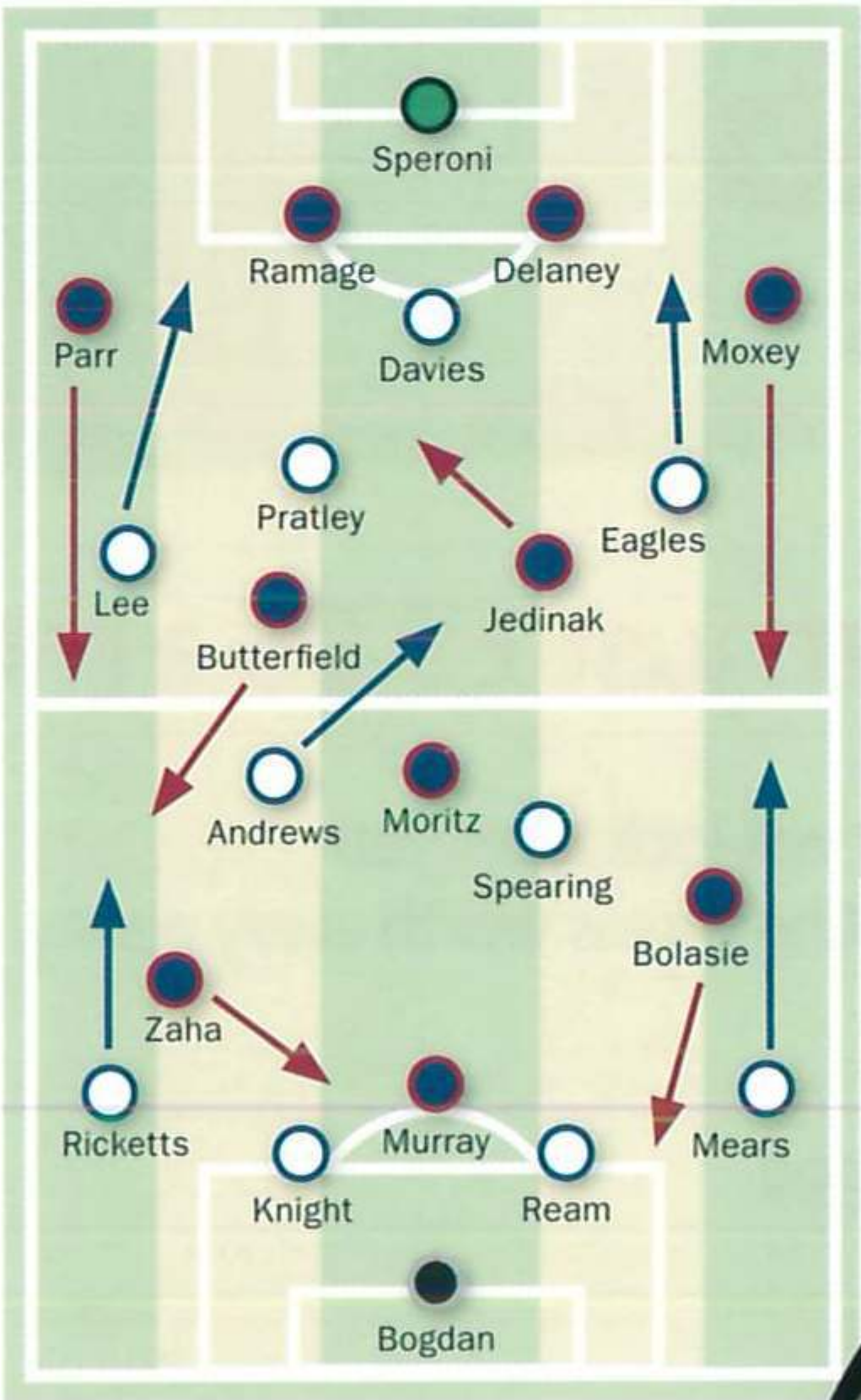
Bolton sat 18th as Dougie Freedman took charge of his first game with four wins, three draws and six defeats, having earned 1.15 points per game. Sixteen league games later they're two places better off after four more wins, six draws and four defeats, having earned 1.22 points per game. It's improvement but it's not what Phil Gartside would have imagined in October.

Freedman's problem has perhaps been that he would have preferred to work from the back forward. When he took over Palace the task was difficult but could be approached logically. The defence was leaking goals so the team was made more defensive and harder to beat, before attacking was prioritised this season. Bolton's squad though is attack heavy – there are wingers and forwards in abundance and while Freedman has marginally improved their defensive record it's been at the expense of goals (*albeit both negligibly*).

The Wanderers' squad probably lends itself better to 4-4-2 than Freedman's preferred 4-2-3-1 and against Millwall last time out Bolton went with Kevin Davies and David N'Gog up front, with Lee Chung-Yong and Chris Eagles on the wings.

It will be interesting to see whether that remains the case today or if, as is perhaps more likely, Bolton match Palace's formation with the wide players flanking a sole forward. Lee and Eagles are two of the division's best wingers so it will be interesting to see how Palace cope with that threat, particularly with Jonathan Parr continuing to deputise for Joel Ward at right back.

On the flip side Bolton's full-backs can certainly be got at and Ian Holloway will see little reason to change a tactic of getting the ball wide as quickly as possible that has been hugely effective at home. Those are likely to be the key battles, although which defenders will take the field is hard to predict as Freedman has selected five different back fours in Bolton's last six games and no doubt that is part of the problem. ■



03

The number of clean sheets Bolton have kept so far this season in the league.

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Sunderland 0-2 Bolton
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Rachel Taylor A cold evening at a poor ground, we should have ended the game without extra time. They gave it their best shot but it just wasn't meant to be, well done to the fans for travelling up (and me) now to concentrate on the league and hope the players don't have flu by Sat!

16 January at 10.07pm • Like

Nigel Pitcher Was a great effort over the two games - more than matched them 'til extra time. Would have been worth winning to get Man City in the next round. But now I'm pleased it's over, we need to concentrate on the league and strengthen the squad a little if we can. Could have done without extra-time, but at least Bolton also played tonight. Would be nice to show Dougie what he is missing on Saturday. COYP!

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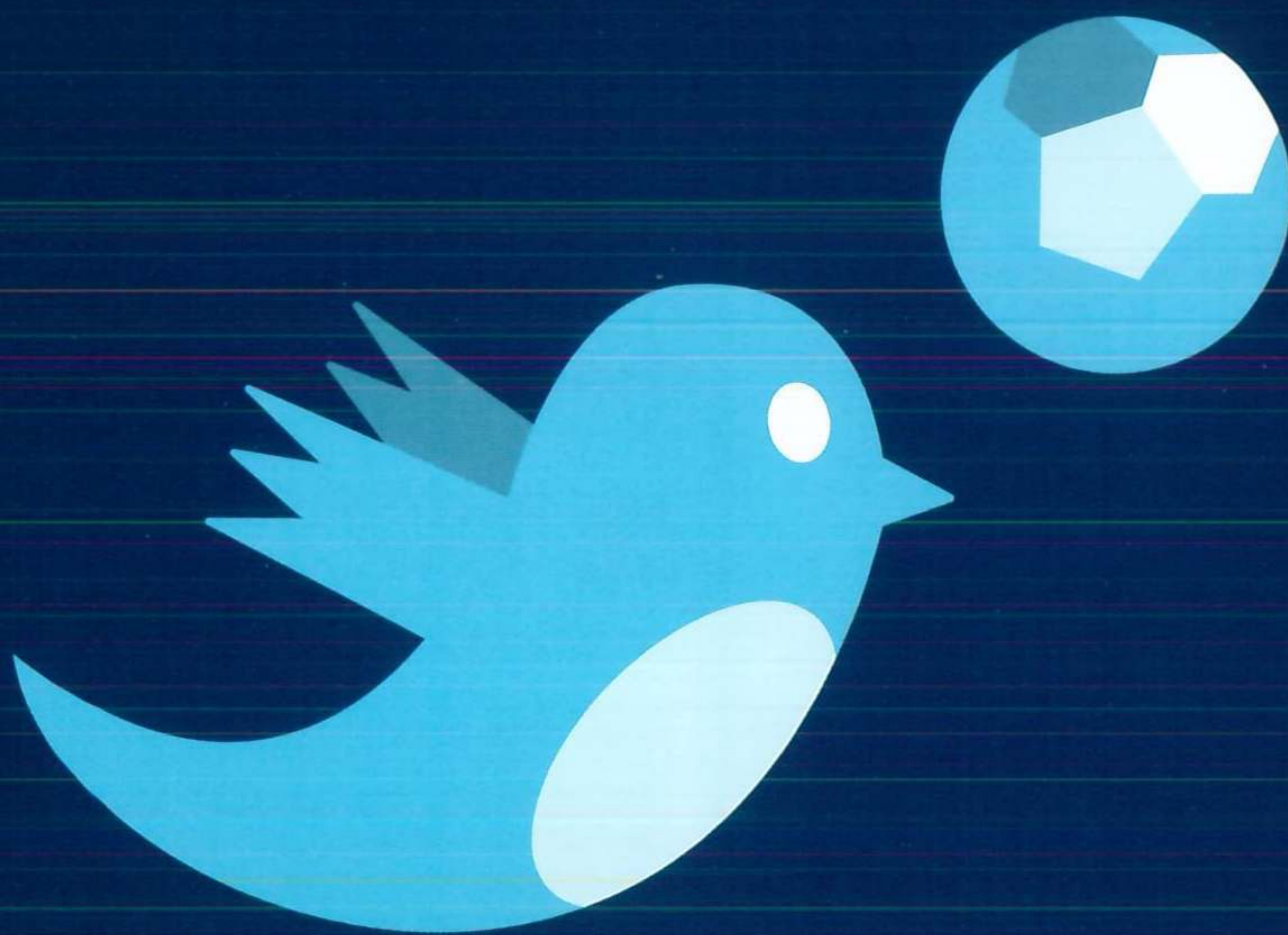


Today's Must Watch Video



VIDEO: Dean Moxey

The Eagles left-back chats to Palace Player about his recent run in the side and looks ahead to the week's fixtures.



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From The Stand

Comedian

Kevin Day



Anyone seen 'Les Miserables'? It's good but not quite as Miserables as The Pawsons at chucking out time. Ah well, that's the small talk done. And it's just putting off the inevitable, so here goes...

...after the start we had no one would have been surprised at the thought of you-know-who (*grow up Kevin, he's not Lord Voldemort*) coming back as manager of another team.

He would have resigned honourably, made a tearful speech about the best fans in the world, got another club and returned to a rapturous reception with red and blue petals strewn before his feet and Pete the Eagle enfolding him in wings of love.

Then, in this dream scenario, his rubbish new team would roll over and Dougie would be caught on camera celebrating our fifth goal.

That turn of events I could have coped with. I'm still struggling with what actually happened and with my resentment that he has set us bickering among ourselves about how to react. Even now I don't know what I'll do, although if you see a burly man leaping out of the Holmesdale Upper yelling "traitor" then I will have obviously made some sort of decision.

Journalist Neil Ashton wrote a brilliant piece in the Stoke programme arguing we should welcome Freedman back with open arms. Brilliant but a tiny bit wrong I think.

Yes he was a legend as a player; but



if he hadn't scored against Stockport, we may have gone down, then stormed Division Three with such impetus that we were now in The Champions League. Hadn't thought of that, had you? Obviously I don't blame him for keeping us up. Let's be fair, I worship him for it - or rather, I used to. Because there are two Dougie Freedmans: genius player, tarnished manager. Tarnished not so much for what he did when he was here but for what he did when he left. And what he did was nothing. Did nothing, said nothing.

I understand he may have had issues with the owners (*although I hear they tried to keep him*) but he had no issues with us. We loved him and we backed him and we chanted his name through many a dreary game. Let's not forget those long afternoons watching the

gap between Murray and the midfield get wider and wider until that rush of blood to Dougie's head saw us suddenly cavalry charging teams this autumn.

So why no thank you to us, no mention even? That's what hurts me most, that it turned out he was just another manager and we were just another club. How odd that Dougie the player will always be welcome back but not Dougie the manager.

And how to react today? Well we could stand in sullen silence, because being ignored by thousands of people hurts, as anyone who has ever done a gig in Sunderland will tell you. I have another suggestion: let's sing "Holloway's Red and Blue Army" for 90 minutes. Olly seems like a man who will appreciate our support. ■

Junior Eagles

Mini Sudoku.

Each row horizontally or vertically must contain all of the four items. You cannot repeat any of the items in any of the rows.



Head-To-Head!

Which player has the better statistics on the latest FIFA game?



Wilfried Zaha



Marvin Sordell

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☐	59	Passing	60	☒
☒	81	Dribbling	70	☐
☒	46	Defending	45	☐
☐	55	Heading	63	☒

Thank You

to everyone who entered our competition to win FIFA 13. The winners are annoucned on page 8 of today's programme.



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Question Time

- Q1.

When did Bolton move to the Reebok Stadium?
- Q2.

What is the name of Bolton's club mascot?
- Q3.

Which former Palace player and manager is now in charge at Bolton?
- Q4.

What was the score last time Bolton came to Selhurst Park?

Today's Mascots

If you have any questions or would like to enquire about mascot availability, please let us know by either email on liam.connery@cpfc.co.uk or phone on 020 8768 6004



Name: Archie Rowbotham
Age: 10
School: Eltham College Junior School
Favourite Player: Mile Jedinak
Score Prediction: CPFC 3-1 BWFC



Name: Alfie Rhodes
Age: 10
School: Park Hill Junior School
Favourite Players: Yannick Bolasie & Andre Moritz. **Hobbies/Interests:** Football, PS3 & cricket
Score Prediction: CPFC 2-1 BWFC



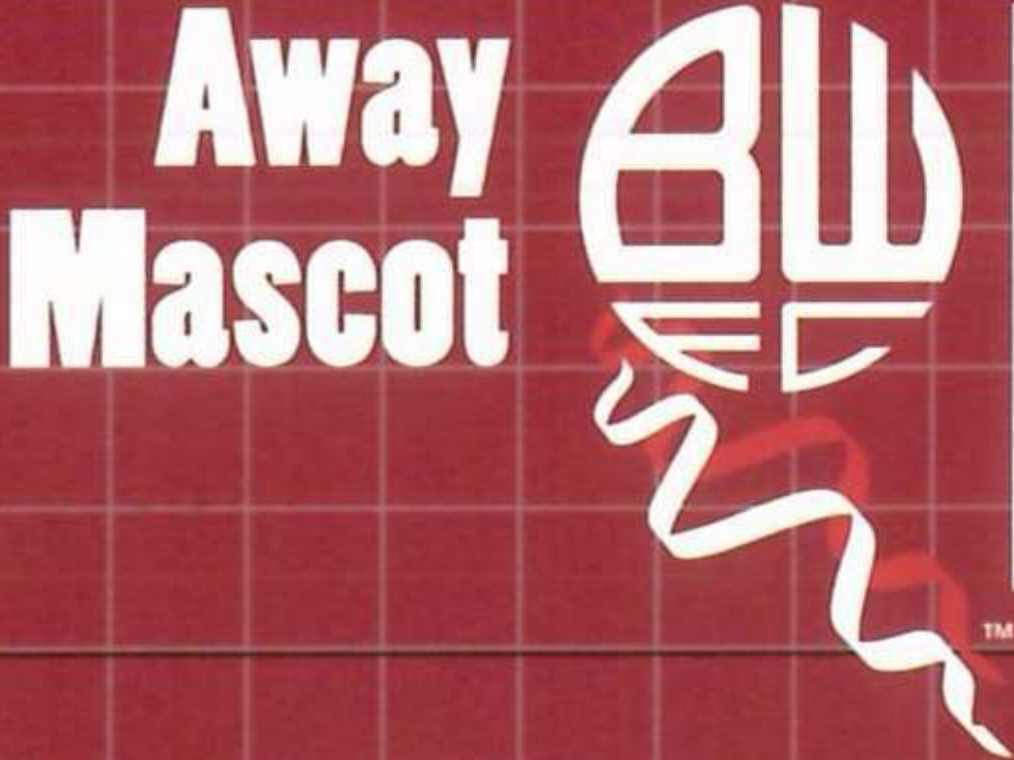
Name: Jake Rhodes
Age: 9
School: Maypole Primary School
Favourite Players: Jedinak & Zaha
Hobbies/Interests: Football & boxing.
Score Prediction: CPFC 3-1 BWFC



Name: Ernie Rhodes
Age: 6
School: Maypole Primary School
Favourite Players: Bolasie & Zaha
Hobbies/Interests: Football & PS3
Score Prediction: CPFC 5-3 BWFC



Name: Joseph Gibbons
Age: 8
School: Horwich Parish CE School
Favourite Player: Chris Eagles, Tim Ream & Stuart Holden
Score Prediction: CPFC 0-3 BWFC



The Answers

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CD: It would have been something by Michael Jackson, probably "Bad".



Computer Game: Sonic the Hedgehog on the Sega Megadrive, that's going back a bit now!



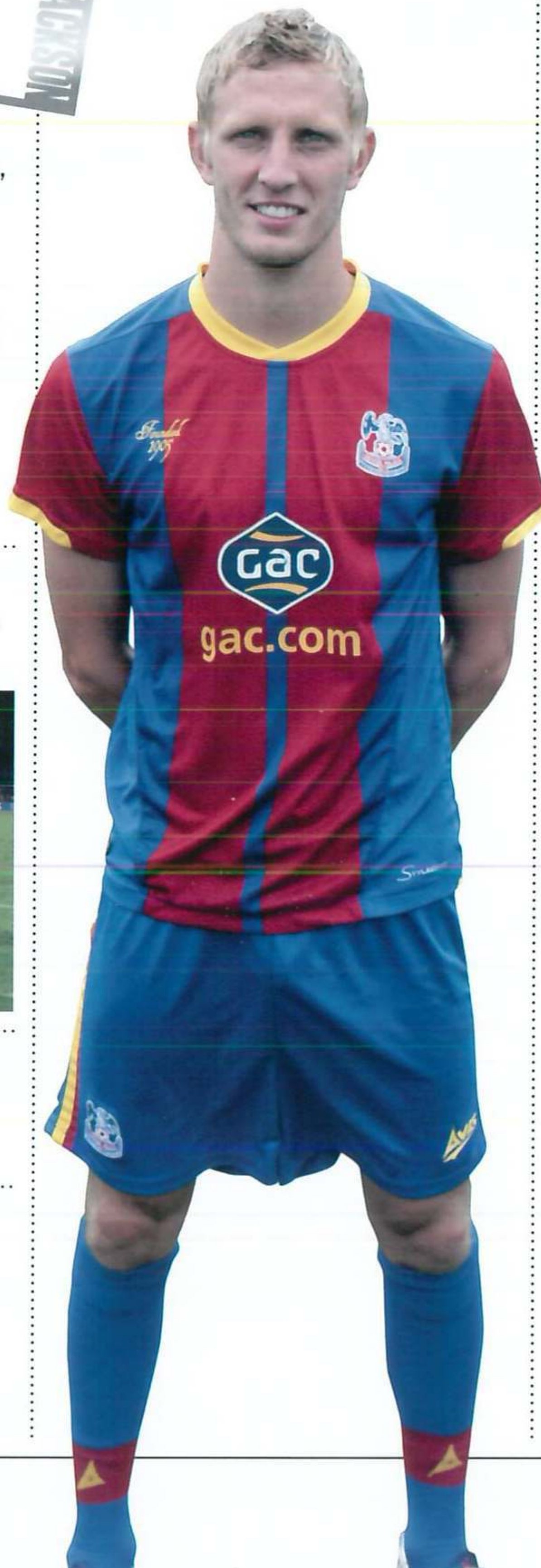
Sporting memory: The penalty shootout in Italia 90, I would have been four or five at the time.



Piece of footballing advice you remember getting: Just enjoy yourself from my parents.

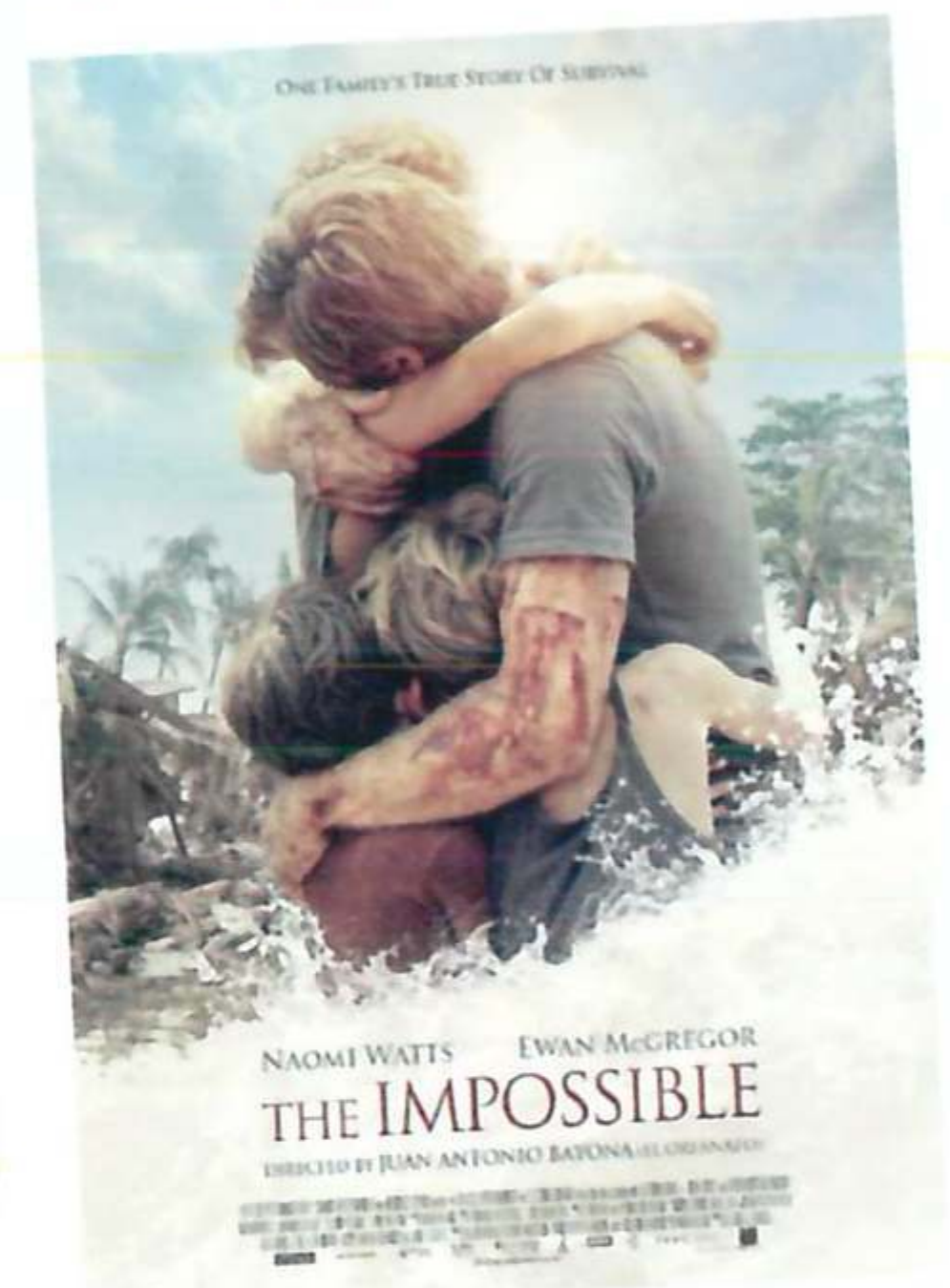
Professional goal: It was on the 27th March 2004 on my mum's birthday and it was for Exeter City against Leigh RMI in the Conference. I controlled the ball with my hand and tapped it in!

Dean Moxey



Last

Film you watched: The Impossible, a true story about the tsunami, it was fantastic.



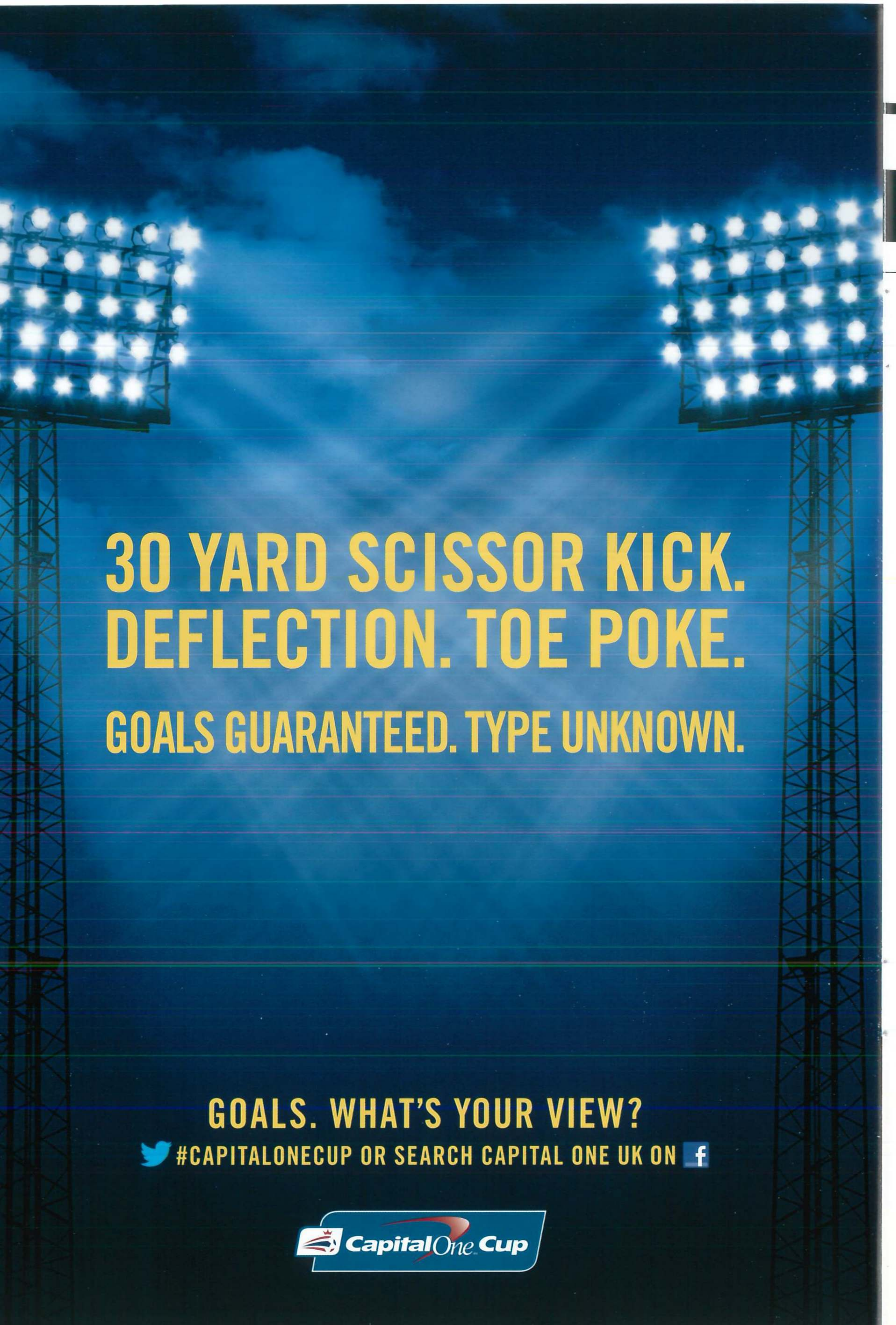
Match as a fan: England against Wales in a Euro 2012 qualifier. England won 1-0, Ashley Young got the goal I think.



Thing you Googled: A menu for Little Italy.

Present you bought: I bought an iPad for my wife for Christmas.

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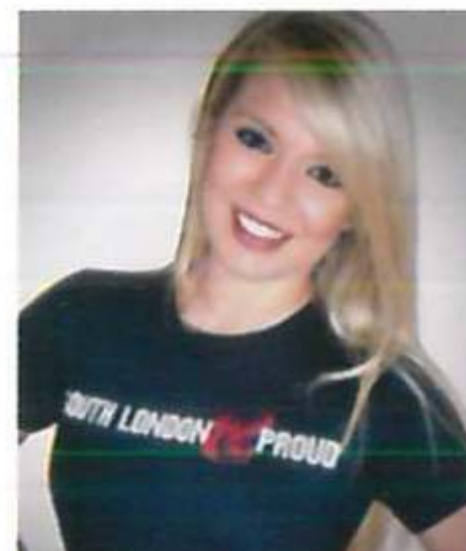
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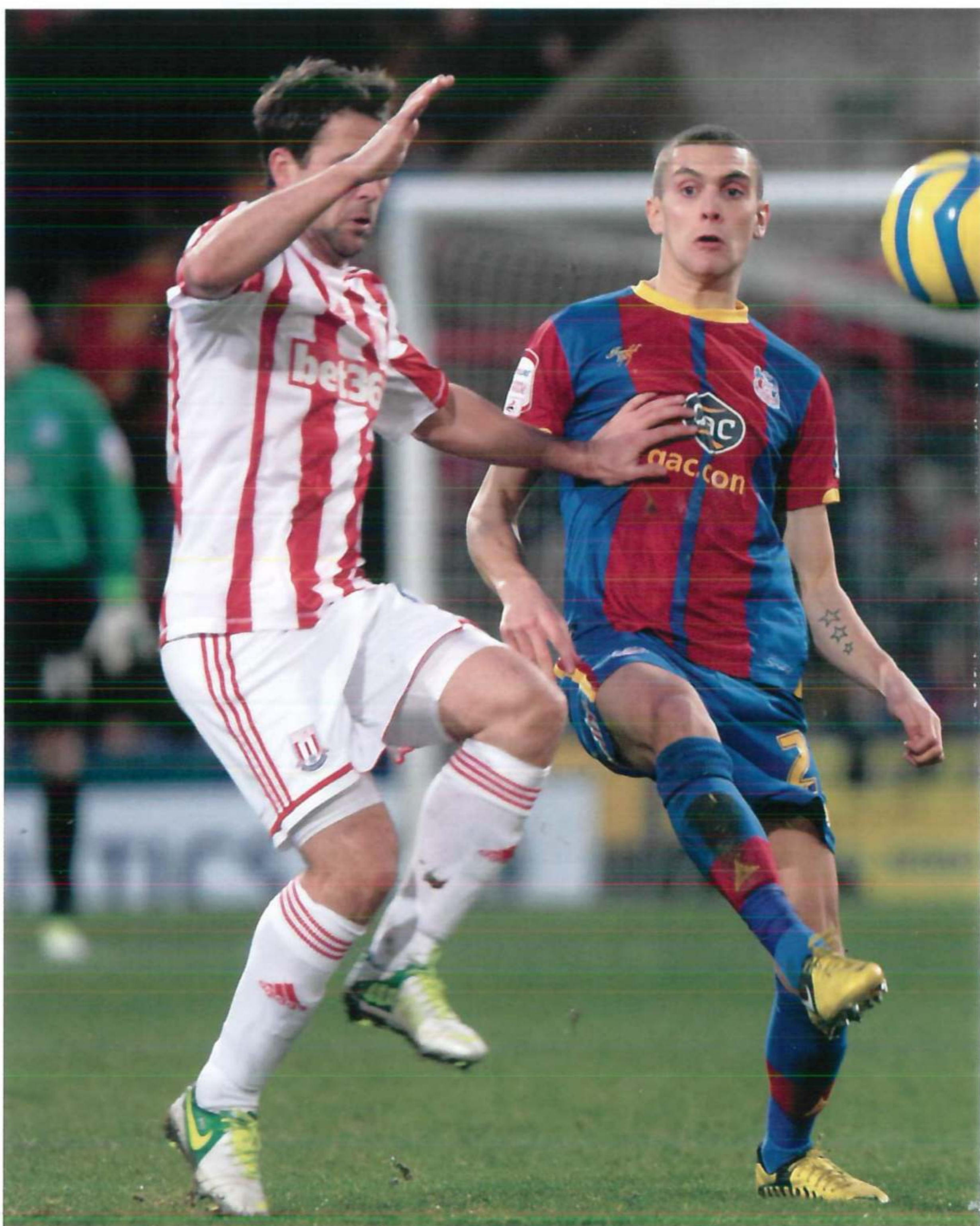
Game No.
29

Palace held their own against Premier League Stoke City to earn a spot in the fourth round draw after a goalless draw, but were faced with a replay despite controlling the majority of the game without finding the goal needed to send them through.

Despite rumours in the week about how many changes both managers would make, two very strong sides lined up at Selhurst and the home fans didn't have to wait long to see their team test their opponents. Only two minutes had elapsed when Jermaine Easter cut inside from the left flank and let fly with a rasping shot that Thomas Sorensen did well to push away.

Stoke created their first opportunity 10 minutes later when their two former England strikers combined and should have given their side the lead. Michael Owen, making his first start for the Potters, connected with a cross from Michael Kightly and flicked a header towards goal which found its way to Peter Crouch, but from only a yard out he stabbed a shot badly wide of the target.

Andre Moritz began 2013 with a bang by netting a brace of free-kicks against Wolves in the previous game, and he came close to scoring the opener when Yannick Bolasie found the Brazilian in space in the box but he dragged his effort wide of the far post. Then



Crystal Palace

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Stoke City

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Saturday 5th January 2013 | FA Cup Third Round
Selhurst Park | Attendance: 13,693

Home Team

Possession (%)	57%
Shots On Target	05
Shots Off Target	08
Fouls	10
Corners	02



02

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Your Tweets

Mike Sinnerton @mikesinnerton

5 Jan

Five of the seven Palace substitutes today have come through the club's academy. The bench has an average age of 19 and a half.



Wilfried Zaha saw a powerful drive tipped over by Sorensen as the Eagles finished the half on top of their Premier League visitors.

However Stoke came out brightly in the second period and Kightly blazed over the crossbar after a knock-down from Crouch, before Bolasie dribbled 60 yards with the ball and teed up Moritz who miscued his effort badly from just inside the box.

Palace's best attacking play had come through Bolasie and he tested Sorensen with a low shot before a raft of substitutions ruined the flow of the game, they included a quiet Owen being replaced by Charlie Adam, Zaha coming off for Jonny Williams and Jason Banton making his Eagles debut for Bolasie.

The new boy had a chance to give his first-team career the perfect start when he was played in by Moritz but he fired wide from a tight angle, and then broke down the flank before passing to Kwesi Appiah who fed Williams but the Welshman shot straight at Sorensen on 78 minutes.

It was all Palace as the final 10 minutes approached with Stoke unable to test Lewis Price in the Eagles goal, and apart from blasts from Moritz and Peter Ramage, which flew over the bar, neither side came close to finding the elusive breakthrough and had to do it all again at the Britannia Stadium 10 days later. ■

Away Team



43%

Possession (%)

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Shots On Target

06

Shots Off Target

14

Fouls

05

Corners

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Crystal Palace (4-2-3-1)

Unused Subs: Fitzsimons, Parsons, Wynter, Taylor.

Stoke City (4-4-2)

Team: Sorensen, Cameron, Huth, Owen (Adam 53), N'Zonzi, Shawcross, Whitehead, Walters, Kightly (Jerome 55), Crouch (Jones 73), Shotton.

Unused Subs: Nash, Upson, Etherington, Wilkinson.

Referee: N. Swarbrick

Final Score

Game No.
30

A goal from Junior Stanislas nine minutes from time sent Palace to only their third defeat in 25 games after the home side had spent most of the second half on the back foot.

The first chance of the game came Palace's way as they broke clear after a Burnley corner and the ball fell to Murray in the box but his finish went just inches wide of Lee Grant's post.

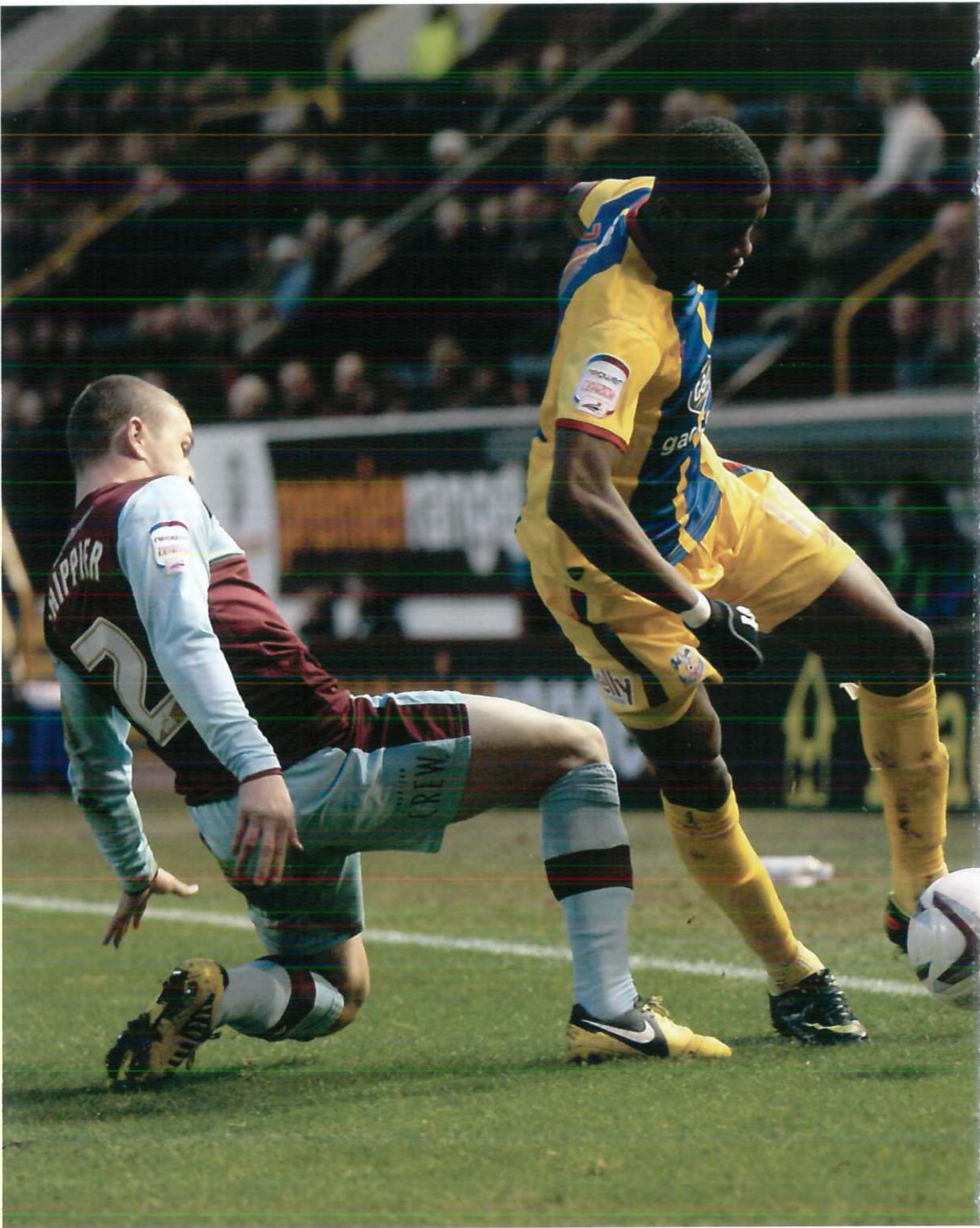
Burnley replied in the right way with two chances of their own as Sam Vokes was put through by Kieran Trippier but shot over the bar. Stanislas then found Danny Ings but he wasn't able to keep the ball down and also didn't trouble Julian Speroni.

Wilfried Zaha showed his threat on the left hand side of the box as he cut inside to beat his man and with his shot looking destined for the net it was pushed around the post by keeper Lee Grant just past the 30 minute mark.

At the other end Ings headed wide from a Stanislas cross and Speroni saved on the line following a touch from close range by the same player.

If it were not for their goalkeeper, Burnley would then have fallen behind as Grant did brilliantly to turn the ball away after Jason Shackell had diverted Jonathan Parr's cross towards his own goal.

A good start to the second period by the visitors saw a couple of early chances.



Burnley

Stanislas 81

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Crystal Palace

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Home Team

Possession (%)	42%
Shots On Target	07
Shots Off Target	09
Fouls	11
Corners	05



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Your Tweets

Keith Jackson @KeithDJackson

12 Jan

Thanks to the Palace fans for their respect at the @BurnleyOfficial game today during the club's memorial.



Dean Moxey curled a shot just wide with his right foot that had Grant scrambling to his right and then Yannick Bolasie crossed from the right and found Murray but the striker couldn't get enough power behind his header towards goal.

Just before the hour mark of the game a fine move from the home side saw Ross Wallace find Trippier who put in a fine cross that was met by Marney at the far post but Speroni saved the header.

The visitors were having the better of the play and the Clarets were thankful to a good block by Edgar as he cut out a low ball into the six yard box from Moxey. A Mile Jedinak effort hit the wall but Zaha created space for himself from the rebound but his shot was pushed away by Grant.

In probably Burnley's first chance of the second half Ings got the better of his man on the right and found Stanislas on the edge of the box who calmly controlled the ball and curled it into the top corner of the net past Speroni to break the deadlock.

Five minutes of added time saw two further Speroni saves from Vokes as the home side nearly increased the advantage and Mile Jedinak's shot hit the woodwork but the day ended with no return from their travels for Holloway's side. ■

Away Team



58%	Possession (%)
03	Shots On Target
05	Shots Off Target
07	Fouls
06	Corners



Crystal Palace (4-2-3-1)
Unused Subs: Easter, Parsons, Gabbidon, Price.

Burnley (4-4-2)
Team: Grant, Trippier, Lafferty, Duff, Shackell, Edgar, Marney, Ings, Wallace (Bartley 82), Vokes, Stanislas (Treacy 82).
Unused Subs: Richards, O'Neill, MacDonald, Long, Jensen.
Referee: Mr G. Ward



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Outside The Box

Writer: Bruce Millington
From: Racing Post
Subject: The Cream Of The Crop

The following statement will be ridiculed by the vast majority of Eagles fans over the age of 25: Wilfried Zaha is the best Palace player I have seen in 41 years of supporting the club.

When I set myself the task of picking my all time top ten I assumed I'd be able to go back in time to find someone better, but I can't. Zaha's dazzling dribbling, stunning goals and fast feet have reignited the club after a miserable period, and I truly believe we are watching the start of a career that will see the kid from Thornton Heath elevated to the status of greatness. Here, then, are the ten best players I've seen in a Palace shirt.

1. Wilfried Zaha (2009-)
For sheer entertainment and an ability to get people off their feet with excitement, Zaha is without equal. Wherever his career takes him I just hope he continues to work hard to fulfil his almost limitless potential.

2. Ian Wright (1985-91)
I remember feeling a huge buzz as I stood on the sparsely-populated Holmesdale terrace when a young guy signed for the cost of a set of tracksuits made his Palace debut. By the time he departed six years later he had spearheaded the most successful period in the club's history with goals by the bucketload and a ton of charisma.

3. Kenny Sansom (1975-80)
A boy wonder left-back who oozed class and went on to become a legend at Palace and then Arsenal. Only ten players have won more England caps.

4. Nigel Martyn (1989-96)
The final piece in Steve Coppell's jigsaw, his arrival from Bristol Rovers plugged the leaks and laid the foundation for Palace to reach an FA Cup final and third place in the top division.

5. Geoff Thomas (1989-95)
Brave on the field, even braver when he'd finished playing, and a captain who drove the team on to achieve great things for a club of our size.



6. Vince Hilaire (1977-84)
The man who provided the flair in the Team of the Eighties. A huge crowd favourite and a true Palace legend.

7. Gareth Southgate (1988-95)
Best known for his defensive qualities, but also the scorer of the best Palace goal I ever saw, against Portsmouth in August 1993.

8. Andy Johnson (2002-06)
A combination of pace, commitment and an eye for goal made Johnson one of our best-value buys and a striker who had a huge impact at Selhurst.

9. Attilio Lombardo (1997-99)
He played for and managed Palace during the most depressingly chaotic period in our recent history, but it shouldn't be forgotten what a phenomenally silky performer he was.

10. Matt Jansen (1998-99)
A vastly underrated forward with a sublime touch and enormous ability. He will always be remembered by fans for giving generously when the club first hit the financial skids in the late-1990s.

Predictions (2 points for the correct score, 1 point for the correct result.)

#	Name	P					
1	Neil	9	Ed Malyon Daily Mirror Today's Prediction Win (1-0)	Sami Mokbel Daily Mail Today's Prediction Draw (2-2)	Dominic Fifield The Guardian Today's Prediction Win (2-0)	Neil Ashton Daily Mail Today's Prediction Win (2-1)	Bruce Millington Racing Post Today's Prediction Draw (1-1)
2	Dominic	7					
3	Bruce	6					
4	Ed	5					
=	Sami	5					



Main Interview

TEENAGE KICKS

If 2012 was Wilfried Zaha's breakout year, 2013 could well be the time for another Palace academy graduate. Having hopefully put his injury nightmares behind him, Jonny Williams is now set to take the Championship by storm, and possibly even the Premier League.

Words - Jonathon Rogers



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Having played seven games in the last 24 days and kept a Premier League side at bay two weeks in a row, an extra 30 minutes on the proverbial cold Tuesday night in Stoke proved to be a step too far for a spirited Palace side, but despite a lack of match action Jonny Williams was still going strong.

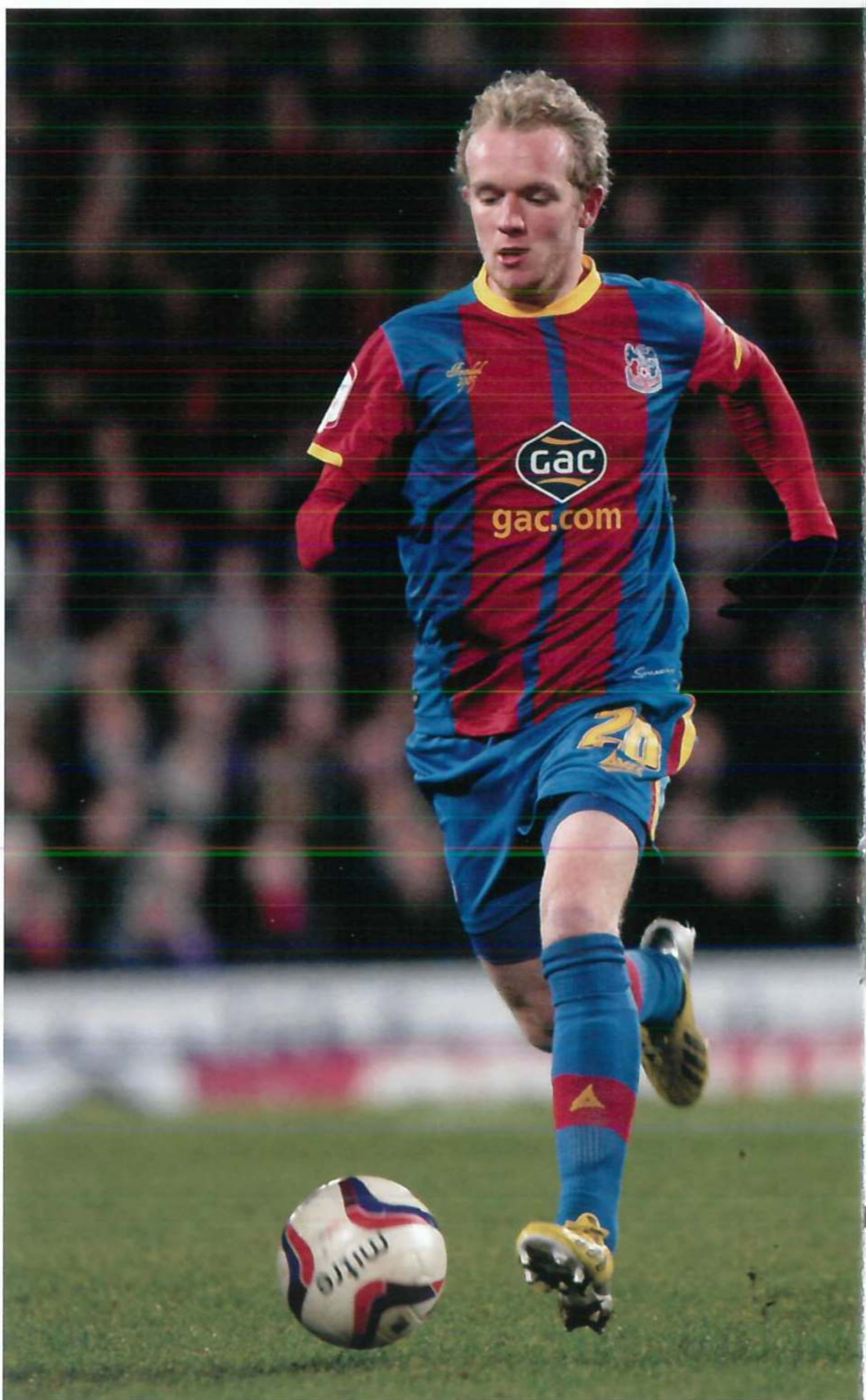
After being eased back into the side from the substitutes' bench in recent weeks following injury, it might have been a surprise that the youngster was still going strong at the death of a marathon match having displayed his youthful exuberance against top-flight opponents for two hours.

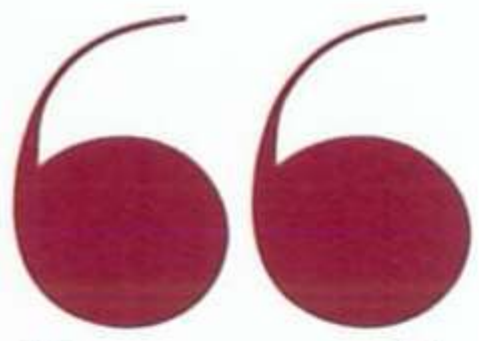
What made the feat even more remarkable was the fact the teenager had yet to complete a full 90 minutes for the Eagles during his 18 months amongst the first-team squad, let alone 120. Now with that first full game under his belt he hopes that he can begin to re-establish himself firmly in Ian Holloway's plans as the Eagles can now concentrate solely on their promotion push.

"That was my first full game for the first team so that was another milestone for me and hopefully I can make many more in the future," he said. "It was a great confidence boost to come through 90 minutes without any problems, let alone the additional 30 minutes.

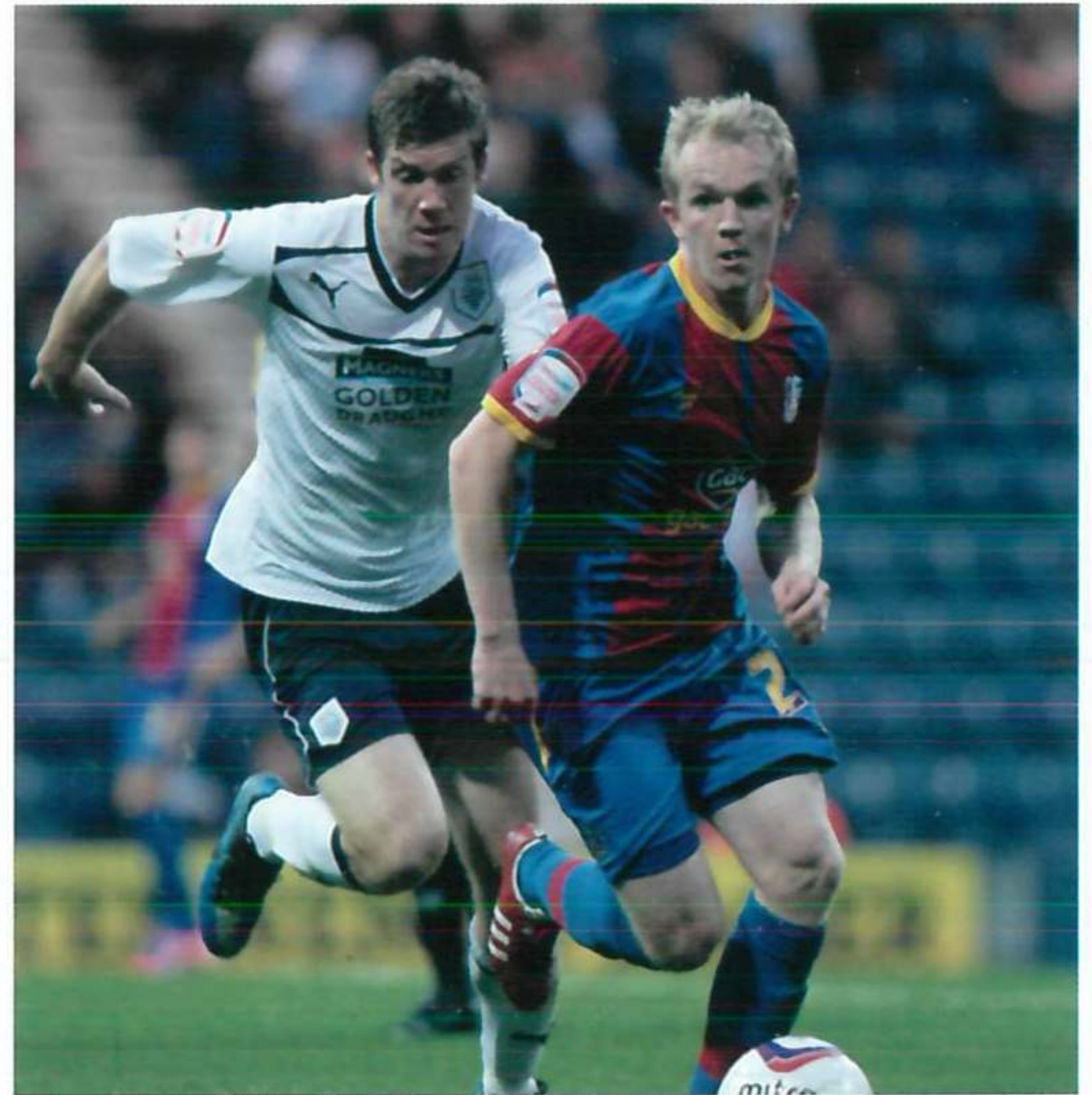
"I was pretty tired at the end but the lads showed great character and I don't think we deserved to lose 4-1. We went for it and we just didn't have the extra legs but we did great over the two games and showed we're good enough to play at that level, so that's some great confidence boost for the lads."

Williams' legs may have been feeling a little heavier than usual as his first-team action has been limited this season due to a series of little injuries stemming from a broken leg suffered on international duty in November 2011. The hotly-tipped youngster's return to action has been waited for with anticipation by the Palace fans and Ian Holloway himself who admitted he was desperate to get him back on the pitch to see him for himself.





I've really enjoyed working with him so far and I'm looking forward to more of the same in 2013. He's got a different style of play which means I have to try and get on the ball more.



Top Left: Williams controls the ball in the first south London derby of the season against Charlton.

Above: Williams in possession in the League Cup match against Preston.

Left: Williams in control.

"This season has been a bit stop and start as I've had a few niggling injuries which has stopped me from getting a decent run in the team which is bitterly frustrating for me but now I'm back involved with the team and I'm really enjoying myself. I just want to try and get a run of games together now and hopefully in the second half of the season I'll be involved more.

"I'm enjoying being back from injury, when you're injured it's tough as you come in every day and just want to be out training with the lads so it's great to be able to do that again. I'm just keeping my fingers crossed there are no more injuries and I am put it all behind me now, learn from it, keep my head up and have a good end to the season.

"It's great for me to have a manager who believes in my ability and it was nice to hear that praise even when I was injured because it gives me the confidence to go and express myself when I'm fit and playing.

"I've really enjoyed working with him so far and I was looking forward to more of the same in 2013. He's got a different style of play which means I have to try and get on the ball more, be confident and bold and express myself."

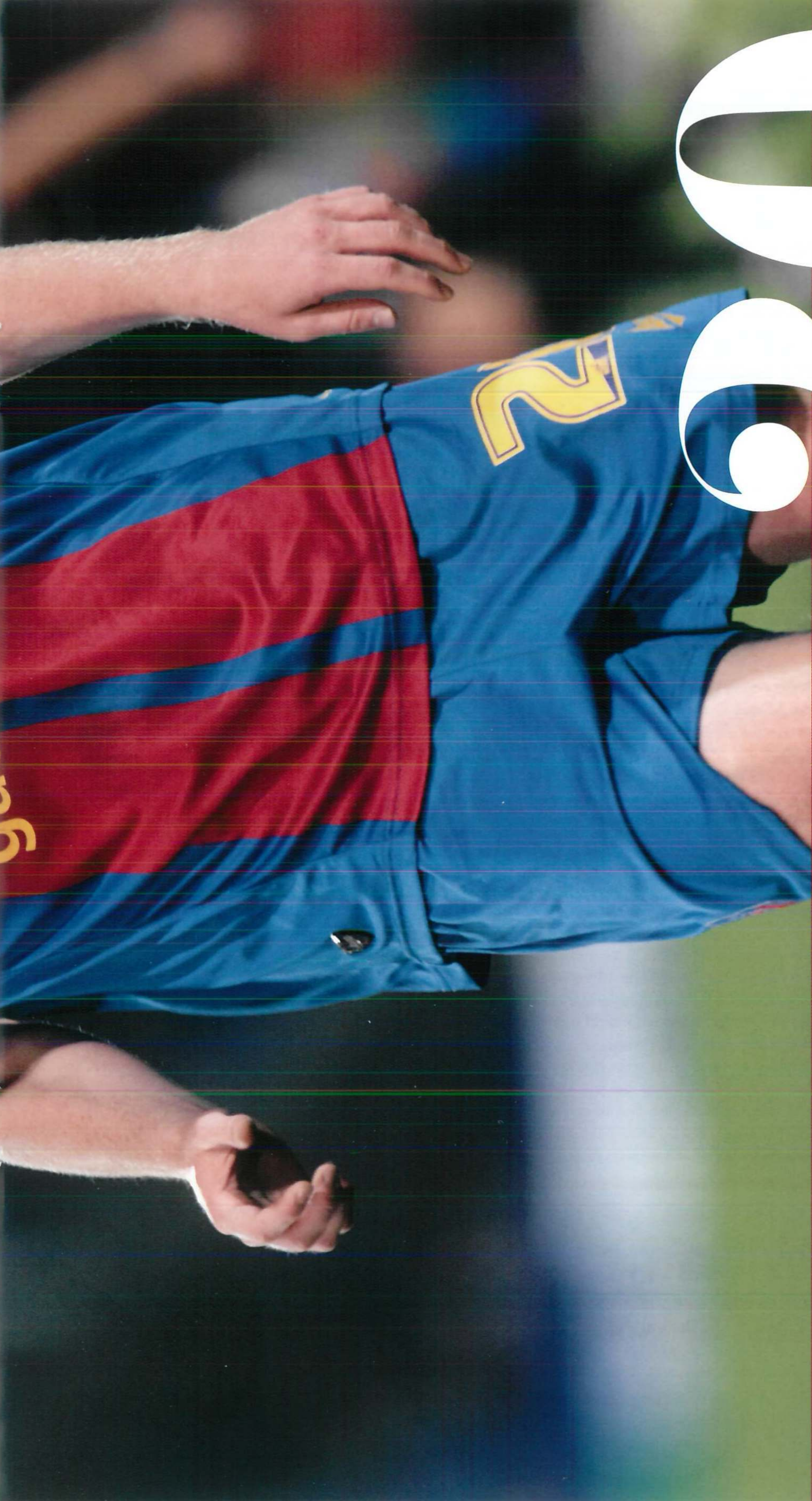
It is little wonder why everyone is so keen to see Williams get a run in the side and show everyone why he is held in such high regard. Despite standing at only 5'7", he isn't afraid of mixing it up with some of the league's midfield hard-men, whilst combining that tenacity with touches of class that has earned him the nickname "Joniesta" amongst the Selhurst faithful in comparison to Barcelona's maestro Andres Iniesta.

"I've never been the biggest of players, even at under 10 level, but it helps me now when I'm playing against teams like Stoke and I can hold my own against players like Steven N'Zonzi and Ryan Shawcross. Some of the best players in the world aren't very big so that gives me confidence.

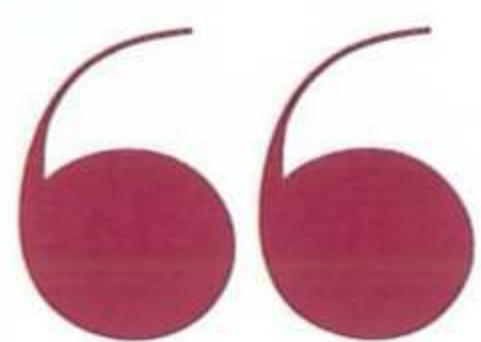
"The nickname is crazy but very nice for me to be compared to a player with that kind of ability. The way Iniesta plays

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Jonathan Williams



I started here in the under 8s so this is now my 12th season at the club and it's been a dream come true to make it up into the first team.”

football is unbelievable, he's one of my idols and I love to watch him play and I do so whenever I can.

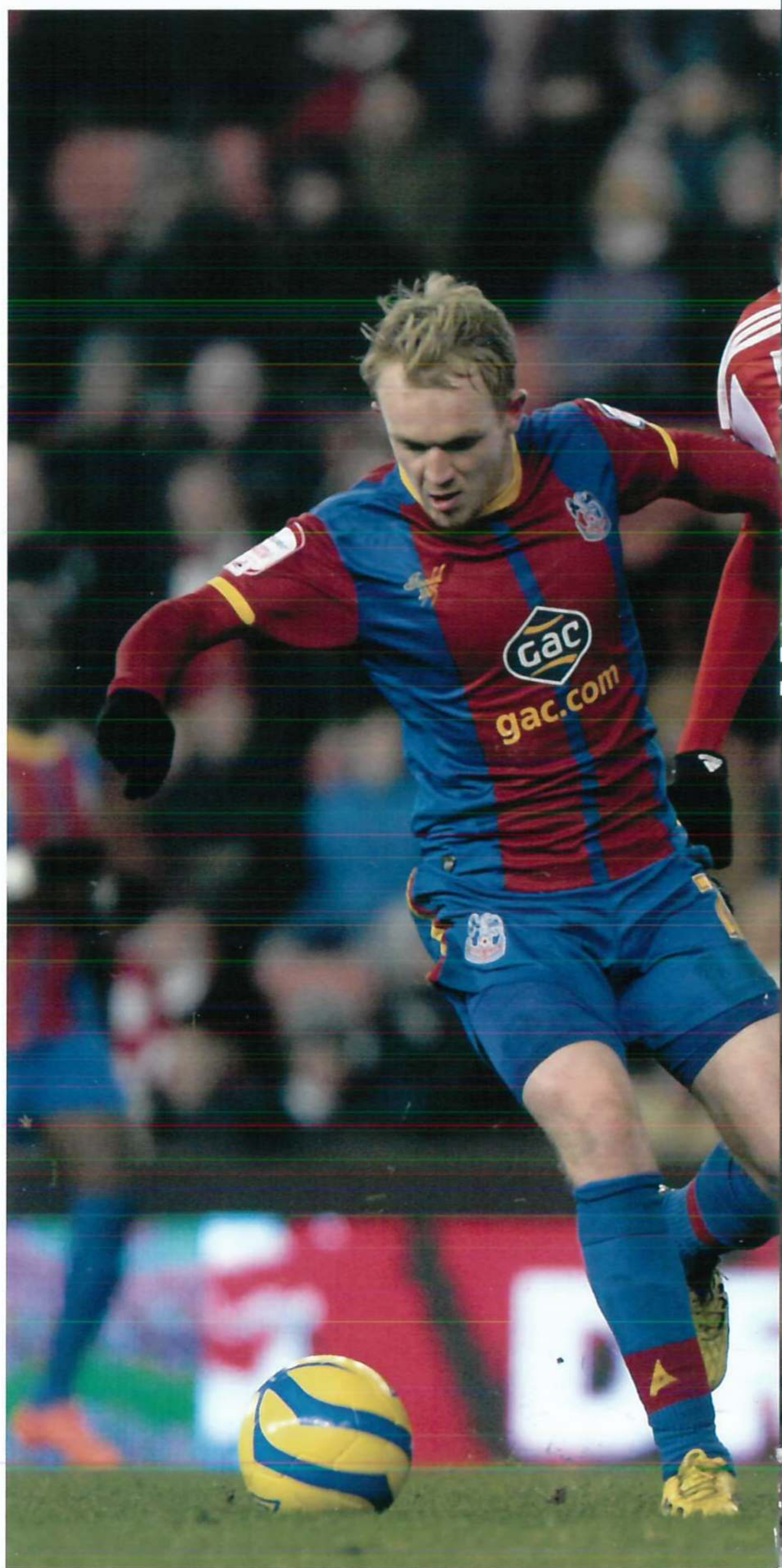
“There are a lot of great midfielders at the club which is only a positive as it helps the likes of myself work hard for a position and get involved more in matches. We're all talented players all trying to push ourselves for places and that'll only be a benefit in the long-term.”

Whilst he looks to the future under Holloway, it was the man in today's opposition's dugout who handed the then 17 year old his first professional appearance in August 2011. Dougie Freedman called upon Williams to offer something fresh as his team struggled to find the net against Coventry City, and 15 minutes later the gamble had paid off as Williams made his mark in style.

“It was an unbelievable debut, we won 2-1 but we were 1-0 down when I came on and we couldn't find a goal. I was on the bench and warming up as normal but when I got the call from Dougie I was really excited to get on the pitch and make my debut at Selhurst Park. I was involved in the equaliser which was a great strike from Sean Scannell and to nick the win in the 95th minute was unbelievable so I really enjoyed that day.

“I started here in the under 8s so this is now my 12th season at the club and it's been a dream come true to make it up into the first team. I've now gone on to make more than 30 appearances and it's been a great experience and I've learnt from every game and taking them as they come.

“I've got a few highlights - scoring my first goal against Wigan Athletic was pretty special as was the win against Brighton last season where I made my first league start. Another highlight for me was just to be there when we beat Manchester United at Old Trafford. I was on crutches at the



Williams Last Season



First Appearance
CPFC v Coventry
16th Aug 2011



First Goal
CPFC v Wigan
13th Sept 2011





Photo: Williams shields the ball away from Steven N'Zonzi during the FA Cup replay on Tuesday.

time and I was devastated not to be able to play but to see the lads beat United at their own ground was huge."

Still only 19, Williams admits he owes a lot to Freedman for recognising his talent at an early age and working alongside him to help him develop his game, but admits that there will be no sentiment during today's game as the Welshman's sights are set firmly on playing Premier League opposition like Stoke with more regularity next season.

"To receive that belief from Dougie was amazing; he's a really good manager and I'm thankful for everything he's done for me. The influence he's had on my career has been massive, and the opportunities he gave me as a youngster to play in the first team was great and something I never expected. He really helped me improve as a player.

"It was a little bit of a shock when he left but football is football and you have to make tough decisions when they come and I wish him all the best in the future. You move on though and we have to focus on getting results for the rest of the season and push on to hopefully secure a place in the top two.

"Bolton have a lot of players in their team who have played in the Premier League and did a good job there so it'll be a tough game but I think we've also got plenty of players who are capable of playing in that league in our team so hopefully we can get the three points and push up the table again.

"My main aim for 2013 is to stay fit and strong and hopefully chip in with a few more goals. I'd also like to make my debut for the Welsh full side which would be a great achievement for me, but that will only happen when the time is right. It might be this year or the next, but promotion to the Premier League is the main aim." ■



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Crystal Palace Ladies earned a valuable and deserved point in their fight to avoid relegation against a strong Enfield side.

Palace started the first half strongly and were quickly into their stride, taking the game to Enfield who struggled to cope with the pace and flair of the Ladies. Jade McPhun looked particularly dangerous and it was she who provided the first goal. Sarah Callaghan won the ball in midfield and played it to Rosie Hague who passed it out to McPhun on the left. She went past two players before hitting a low cross towards goal, where a poor clearance to the edge of the box fell to Kirsty Mitchell who curled a side foot shot just inside the far post. The rest of the half was more even with both sides looking dangerous, but it was Palace who came closest with both McPhun and Chelsea Wallace

squandering great chances. Then in injury time at the end of the half Enfield equalised when a corner was headed in at the near post.

The second half saw Enfield pushing for the second goal but, although they threatened, the back three of Palace looked comfortable and Enfield were left to try their luck from distance. Palace were content to play on the break and Wallace was unlucky not to play in McPhun and Shedeane Dyer who, three times, were guilty of being offside. Hague also missed a glorious chance but the opposing keeper saved well and the match finished all square

Enjoy the game! ■

Kirk Scott



Above: Palace Ladies in action.

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Fixtures 2012/13

Date	Opposition	Result
19/08/12	Chesham Utd	1 - 9
26/08/12	Cambridge Women	0 - 3
02/09/12	Arlesey Town	0 - 5
09/09/12	Enfield Town	2 - 5
16/09/12	Luton Town	0 - 4
19/09/12	Chichester City	1 - 2
23/09/12*	MK Dons	1 - 1
30/09/12	Ipswich Town	0 - 7
07/10/12	Ipswich Town	0 - 4
14/10/12	Brentwood Town	1 - 3
28/10/12	Ebbsfleet Utd	0 - 1
04/11/12	Luton Town	0 - 4
18/11/12	Chesham Utd	P - P
02/12/12	Cambridge Women	0 - 3
09/12/12	Norwich City	0 - 1
16/12/12	Arlesey Town	P - P
06/01/13	Enfield Town	1 - 1
13/01/13	MK Dons	
20/01/13	Ipswich Town	
27/01/13	Brentwood Town	
03/02/13	Norwich City	
10/02/13	Ebbsfleet Utd	
13/02/13	Chichester City	

*Game was abandoned and played on 25/11/12

Key = Home Fixture, Away Fixtures, Cup Fixtures

South East Women's Combination Table 2012/13

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PT
Chesham	11	9	2	0	36	29
Norwich City	13	8	0	5	1	24
Chichester	10	7	1	2	7	22
Ipswich Town	10	6	1	3	12	19
Enfield Town	13	7	1	5	1	19
Luton Town	12	5	3	4	1	18
Cambridge	13	5	2	6	-1	17
Milton Keynes	12	5	3	4	8	15
Ebbsfleet	12	5	3	4	3	14
Brentwood	12	3	2	7	-3	11
Arlesey Town	14	2	2	10	-23	5
Crystal Palace	14	0	2	12	-42	2



All home matches are played at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Matches on Sunday kick-off at 2pm, and matches on Wednesday at 7.45pm unless stated otherwise.

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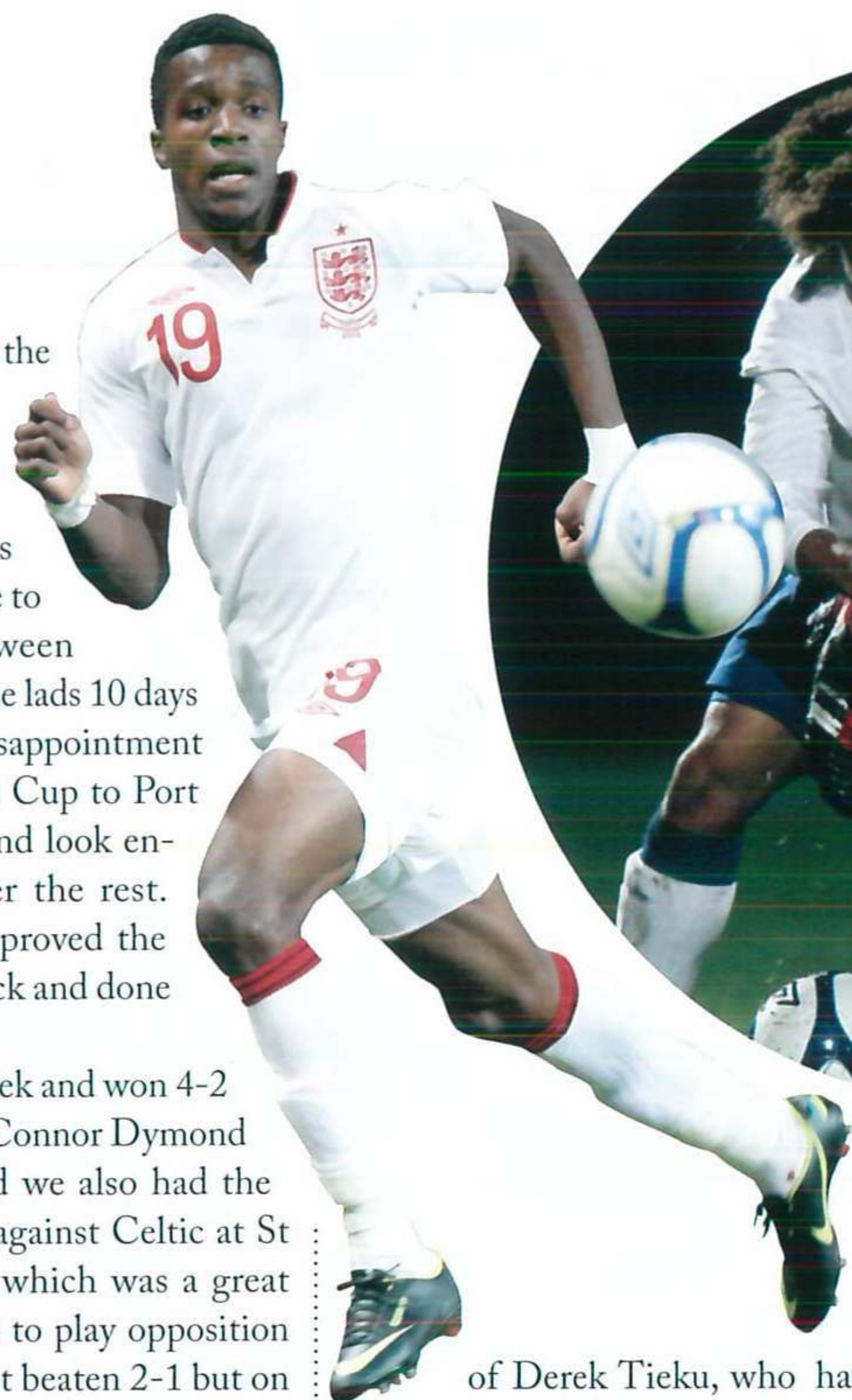
We've been in the mid-season break recently and it has been difficult because you have to keep the balance right between playing and resting. We gave the lads 10 days off over Christmas after the disappointment of going out of the FA Youth Cup to Port Vale but they've come back and look enthused and rejuvenated after the rest. Giving the boys a break has proved the right thing as they've come back and done really well in two friendlies.

We played Watford last week and won 4-2 in a decent performance with Connor Dymond scoring two of our goals, and we also had the opportunity to play a match against Celtic at St George's Park last Saturday which was a great experience too for the players to play opposition that we don't normally. We got beaten 2-1 but on the day we played really well and Ryan Inniss put us in front but Celtic scored twice in the second half. It was a good display though with Jerome Williams, Alistair Gordon and Connor Dymond all impressing.

It was a great experience as they're top class facilities, it's like a six star hotel there. We played on the pitch that England use to train on so all in all it was good opposition, great facility and a good workout for the lads but now the league starts again today against Southampton.

They've produced and sold some wonderful players over the last few years and they have a great academy so it will be a massive test but if we can start the campaign with some points on the board, especially having experienced struggling to do so at the start of the previous group, a positive result will settle everyone down.

Our players have done fantastically well to get in the elite group as we're now classed as one of the top eight under 18 sides in the country but with that comes some very tough games. We're well equipped to deal with them though as outside



Pictured: Wilfried making his international debut, (inset) Reise Allassani playing for England

of Derek Tiekou, who has a knee injury, we have everyone fit and available.

With Reise Allassani getting called up for the England under 17 squad for the Algarve tournament next month we now have one England international at every level from the full side to the junior sides. Obviously Wilfried Zaha has caps for the full side and the under 21s, but we've also had Ryan Inniss in the under 19s, Reise is now in the under 18s and 17s, and Mandella Egbo in the under 16s so it's great for the club. ■



Gary Issott
Academy Manager



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Q&A

Name: Ghassimu Sow

Position: Midfielder

Age: 17



When did you start at the club?

I joined Palace when I was 10 years old, I was playing Sunday league football and for my school team at the time. After getting scouted I just concentrated on playing well and had a couple of good performances for my own age group and then got promoted to the year above.

You suffered a serious injury during the summer didn't you?

At the beginning of the season I suffered a stress fracture of my metatarsal which set me back big time. It was really frustrating as the youth team has finished a really good season and I was training with the development and the first team squad during pre-season. I was training and playing well but the injury really set me back.

How did you get through it?

I just told myself that it's football and it's only my first major injury and every player gets them. It was just my turn and I had to deal with it and be strong and when I got fit again I knew I could focus on playing well again.

You managed to play for the academy side and the under 21s since you've been back, it must be pleasing to have reached that level again so quickly?

Definitely, as soon as I got back to full fitness I played a couple of games for the youth team which was great as I hadn't played for months, and now I'm featuring for both sides again and it's going alright.

Hiram Boateng took your place in the under 21s when you were injured and made his first team debut against Stoke this week, does that spur you on to do the same?

When I saw Hiram had been selected I was thinking that could have been me if it hadn't have been for injury but it was a perfect birthday for him! From my point of view it just shows that it is possible to step up to the first team as I was just on the verge before the injury.

What are your hopes for the rest of the season?

Just to keep playing well for the under 21s and hopefully make a first team appearance before the end of the season. We've got Newcastle and Bolton coming up in the development league and I've only played at Selhurst twice so I can't wait to play there more. ■

Barclays Premier Academy League Fixtures 2012/13

Date	Opposition	Result
19/01/13	Southampton	
26/01/13	Bolton	
02/02/13	Reading	
09/02/13	Chelsea	
16/02/13	Everton	
23/02/13	Manchester Utd	
02/03/13	Fulham	
09/03/13	Southampton	
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TBA	Fulham	

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Barclays Premier Academy League Table 2012/13*

*Correct at time of going to press 18/01/13

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PT
Everton	1	1	0	0	1	3
Man Utd	1	1	0	0	1	3
Chelsea	1	0	1	0	0	1
Southampton	1	0	1	0	0	1
Crystal Palace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulham	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bolton	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Reading	1	0	0	1	-1	0

Barclays Premier Academy League Appearances

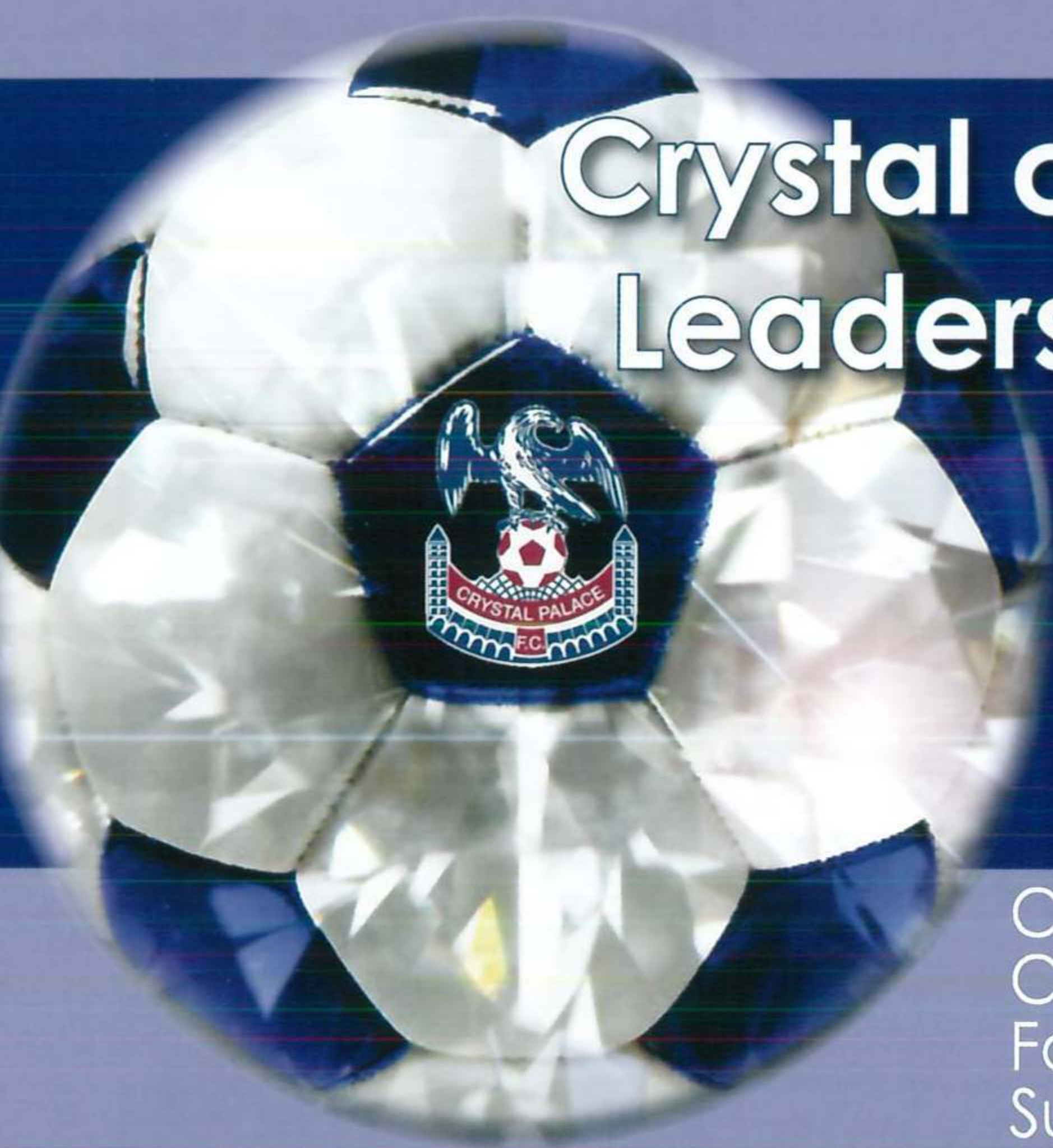
Name	App.	Goal
Reise Allassani	4	2
Corie Andrews	1	0
Hiram Boateng	2	0
Luke Croll	11	0
Connor Dymond	13	5
Mandela Egbo	1	1
Elijah Gabsi	12	0
Jake Gray	11	3
David Gregory	5	0
Ryan Inniss	11	2
William Johnson-Cole	7	2
Sullay KaiKai	11	7
Kiran Khinda-John	7	0
Tom King	7	0
Javen Palmer	10	3
Ghassimu Sow	3	0
Kyle Spence	1	0
Sam Toms	8	0
Jerome Williams	12	3
Kieran Woodley	7	1

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Development Squad

The development squad played a friendly on Tuesday night with a very young side due to the first team's involvement in the FA Cup against Stoke. We drew 2-2 playing at Stevenage's stadium, Broadhall Way, against an experienced side that included the likes of Patrick Agyemang and Lee Hills.

It was a really good experience for the lads and we went 1-0 up through Alex Nimely from a set-piece and then we had to defend for large parts of the first half. Ryan Inniss and Michael Chambers had done very well dealing with the threat of Agyemang aerially but then Stevenage scored two quick goals just after half-time. Both were avoidable and the lads could have let their heads drop but picked themselves up really well.

The game opened up and we started passing the ball really well. The equaliser came from more good work from Nimely and then we had a number of chances to go in front before Sullay Kaikai hit the post in the last quarter of an hour.

It was a good performance and a great workout for the younger players against an experienced reserve team. Bolton had postponed the scheduled league game, due to FA Cup and Youth Cup commitments, and we really needed a game after the two week Christmas period shutdown. We were delighted to get the game on and it was a really good exercise. Ryan Inniss did really well as an academy scholar playing at that level and Connor Diamond did the same.

Nimely showed touches of real class with his two goals and looked a very good player that I'm sure will aid the first team.

It was great to see four ex-academy players on the pitch against Stoke City on Tuesday. That's 40% of the outfield players and we had Alex Wynter and Quade Taylor on the bench as well against Premier League opposition. So

to draw the game in 90 minutes is a phenomenal feat really. One of those was Hiram Boateng who made his debut. Hiram is a player that the supporters may not know much about but that is because he has first class parents who have given him so much support. There is no drama surrounding him, when he was a schoolboy he always went about his business and was always going to commit to the club. As a schoolboy he played every game in the youth team and this year he's played every game in the under 21s. He has a big future even though he was 17 just over a week ago, which is phenomenal really but he deserves it. His attitude and his application has been brilliant for the last 18 months.

The pleasing thing too is that the new manager has come in and given the young players a chance. That's critical. It is one thing having good players but it is another having the willingness and being brave enough to play them.

Gary Issott

Team: Fitzsimons; Akuruka, Inniss, Chambers, Daniel; Sow, Dymond; Fenwick, Allassani, Kaikai; Nimely

Next Match Man City

Monday 11th February 2013
Kick-Off 7:00pm Selhurst Park



U21s Development Squad Group 3 Fixtures 2012/13

Date	Opposition	Result
11/02/13	Manchester City	
18/02/13	Reading	
25/02/13	Newcastle	
04/03/13	Bolton	
11/03/13	Norwich City	
22/03/13	Stoke City	
29/03/13	Manchester City	
08/04/13	Stoke City	
15/04/13	Reading	
19/04/13	Newcastle	
29/04/13	Bolton	
TBA	Norwich City	

Key = Home Fixture, Away Fixtures,

U21s Development Squad Group 3 Table 2012/13

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PT
Norwich City	1	1	0	0	5	3
Man City	1	1	0	0	2	3
Bolton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Palace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reading	1	0	0	1	-2	0
Stoke City	1	0	0	1	-5	0

Name	App.	Goal
Aaron Akuruka	8	0
Reise Allassani	10	0
Kwesi Appiah	6	4
Jason Banton	12	3
Hiram Boateng	12	0
Michael Chambers	3	0
Kadell Daniel	10	0
Kyle De Silva	1	0
Jermaine Easter	1	1
Bayan Fenwick	10	1
Ross Fitzsimons	8	0
Daniel Gabbidon	3	0
Jack Holland	3	0
Sullay Kaikai	5	0
Aaron Martin	4	0
Stuart O'Keefe	6	1
Matt Parsons	8	2
Lewis Price	5	0
Ibra Sekajja	8	2
Ghassimu Sow	3	0
Quade Taylor	12	0
Aaron Wilbraham	1	0
Jerome Williams	1	0
Kieran Woodley	1	0
Alex Wynter	9	0



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Cult Heroes

By Chris Waters

Dean Austin

With 167 appearances and four and a half years service to the club during one of the most turbulent periods in its history, defender Dean Austin witnessed the highs and lows of Palace and had a wildly varying relationship with the fans during his time at the Eagles.

Having risen to prominence at Southend under manager David Webb, big clubs started to vie for the centre-back/right-back as the Shrimpers rose briefly to the top of the Championship back in the 1991/92 season, and he eventually moved to Spurs to work with manager Terry Venables for £375,000.

After six years at White Hart Lane he re-joined Venables again, this time at Selhurst Park as Palace looked to jump straight back into the top tier at the first attempt. As the club's finances unraveled so did Austin's form, struggling at right-back – so much so that

after a poor first half performance against Bristol City that was roundly berated by the fans he was substituted at half-time, and subsequently featured just once in the next three months.

His time at Palace seemed well and truly over with his poor passing style and lack of pace not appreciated by management and fans alike. However as administration kicked in and players left the club in droves Austin remained loyal and focused, increasingly becoming a rock in the choppy and treacherous waters of a relegation battle.

Never has a player changed from zero to hero as Austin did when he scored his first goal for the Eagles in the famous



1-0 away win at Norwich City in March 1999. He had only been brought back into the team the previous week as the squad shrank, and his first goal for the club was greeted by celebrations from players and fans alike that has rarely been seen since. The club was in dire financial straits, with a team full of youth players like Wozzley, Martin, Thompson, Hibbert, and Carlisle, and yet they put in a heroic performance led by a man that effectively resurrected his Palace career that day.

Austin was an ever present for the rest of that season and then went on to be a key player over the following three campaigns as Palace started to rebuild. His unique “clapping the fans” style became legendary on the terraces and is still mimicked to this day, and though it is fair to say that he was never the most cultured of defenders, his

battling qualities and loyalty to the club during those difficult times will not be forgotten.

Moving to Woking in 2002, he then managed Farnborough for a year, and went into coaching, eventually becoming Brendan Rodger's assistant manager in his ill-fated tenure at Reading. Austin reappeared at Palace as a coach under George Burley, but departed under Dougie Freedman and crossed paths with him again when a scout at Bolton until he left last month. With interests in a Spanish entertainment and hospitality company, Austin is also studying applied football management at Warwick Business School and will doubtless be back in football very soon. ■

Names & Games

Managing to Succeed

Bruce Rioch

Former Scotland international midfielder Bruce Rioch managed Bolton Wanderers to the 1995 League Cup final. He won promotion with Luton in 1967/68 and Aston Villa in 1971/72, then starred in Derby's 1974/75 League Championship success. After spells with Everton and Derby again, he was Torquay's player-boss before becoming

Middlesbrough's manager in March 1986. He plotted their rise to the top-flight, then managed Millwall, taking charge of Bolton in May 1992. Guiding them to promotion in 1992/93 and 1994/95, he became Arsenal's boss in June 1995, then managed Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Aalborg.



Sam Allardyce

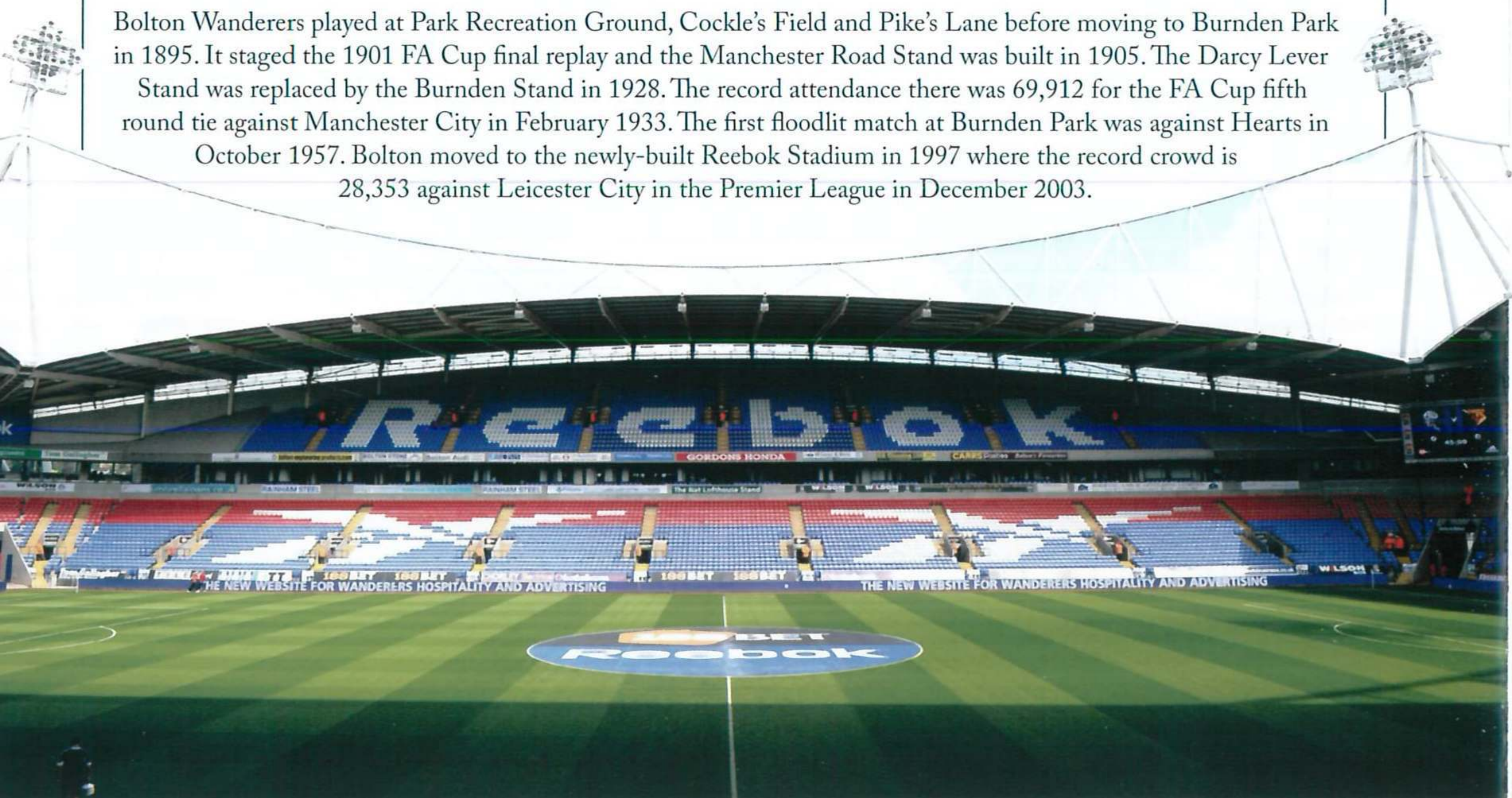


Sam Allardyce managed Bolton Wanderers to the 2004 League Cup final. Signing professional for Bolton in November 1971, the central defender starred in their 1977/78 Second Division title triumph, moving to Sunderland in July 1980. 'Big Sam' played for Millwall, Coventry, Huddersfield, Bolton again, Preston and West Brom,

becoming Blackpool's boss in July 1994. Managing Notts County to the Third Division title in 1997/98, he rejoined Bolton as manager in October 1999, guiding them back to the Premiership in 2000/01 and UEFA Cup qualification. He left in May 2007, since managing Newcastle, Blackburn and West Ham.

The Grounds

Bolton Wanderers played at Park Recreation Ground, Cockle's Field and Pike's Lane before moving to Burnden Park in 1895. It staged the 1901 FA Cup final replay and the Manchester Road Stand was built in 1905. The Darcy Lever Stand was replaced by the Burnden Stand in 1928. The record attendance there was 69,912 for the FA Cup fifth round tie against Manchester City in February 1933. The first floodlit match at Burnden Park was against Hearts in October 1957. Bolton moved to the newly-built Reebok Stadium in 1997 where the record crowd is 28,353 against Leicester City in the Premier League in December 2003.



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Football historian *LEIGH EDWARDS*
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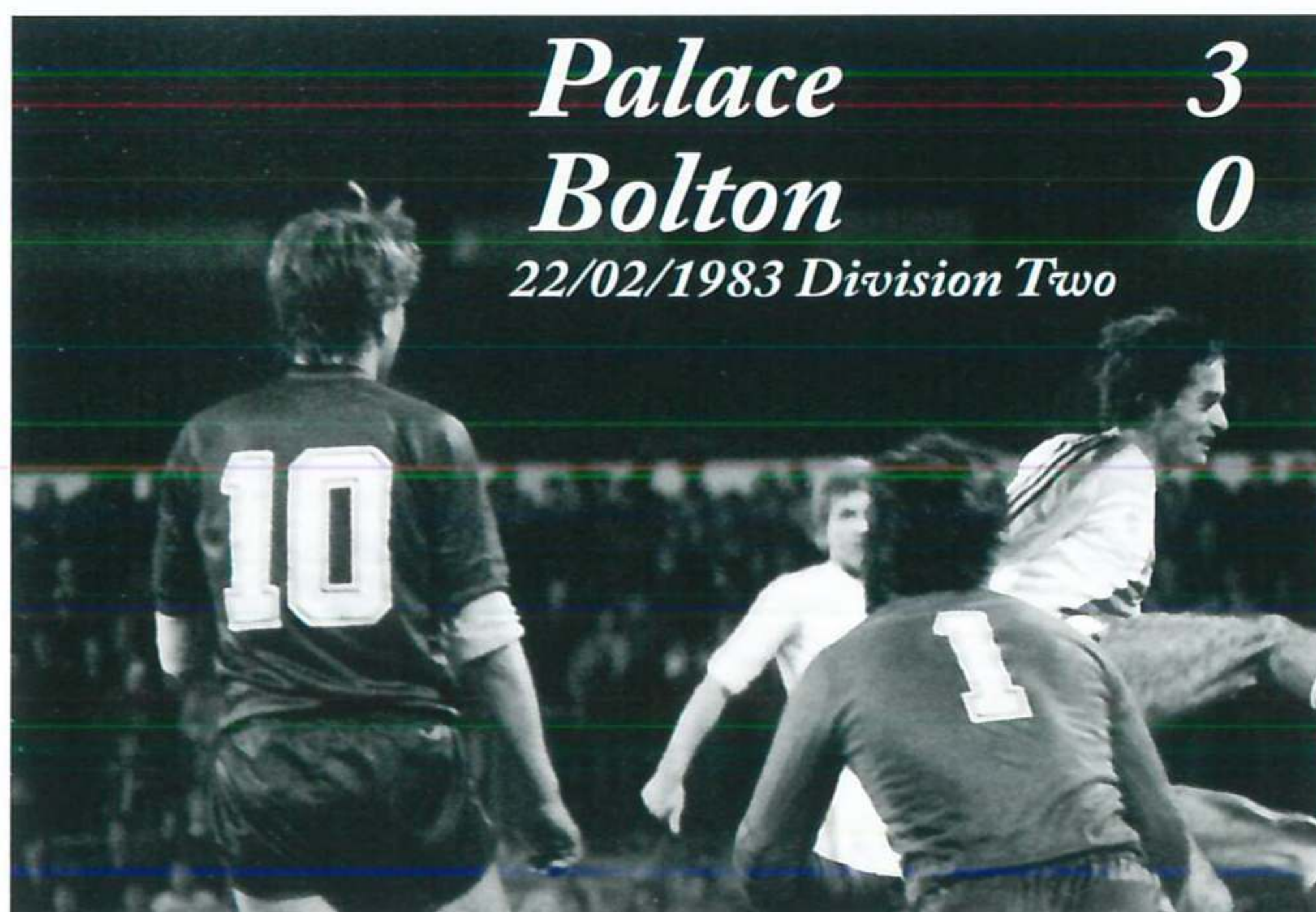


Memorable Matches



Ten-man Crystal Palace defeated Second Division leaders Bolton Wanderers at Selhurst Park. Terry Venables' side went ahead in the 21st minute when Jeff Bourne passed to Rachid Harkouk who sent a powerful shot past Jim McDonagh. Bolton equalised just 90 seconds later as Mike Walsh flicked on a Willie Morgan corner and Neil Whatmore headed home.

Palace had George Graham sent off with a harsh second booking on 73 minutes and their chance appeared to have gone, but with only three minutes to go Bourne's cross was exquisitely glanced home by Nicky Chatterton who ran 60 yards to snatch the winner.



Ian Edwards netted two first-half goals as Crystal Palace swept aside Bolton Wanderers at Selhurst Park. Palace took the lead when Mike Doyle could only head backwards a long clearance from David Fry and Edwards nipped in to score with an angled shot. Two minutes later, former England international Doyle could only half clear a Chris Jones header

and Edwards netted again with a well-placed shot. Struggling Bolton rarely troubled Fry and Palace completed the scoring in the final minute when Vince Hilaire, playing his 200th league game for the club, set up Shaun Brooks to collect his first league goal for a year.

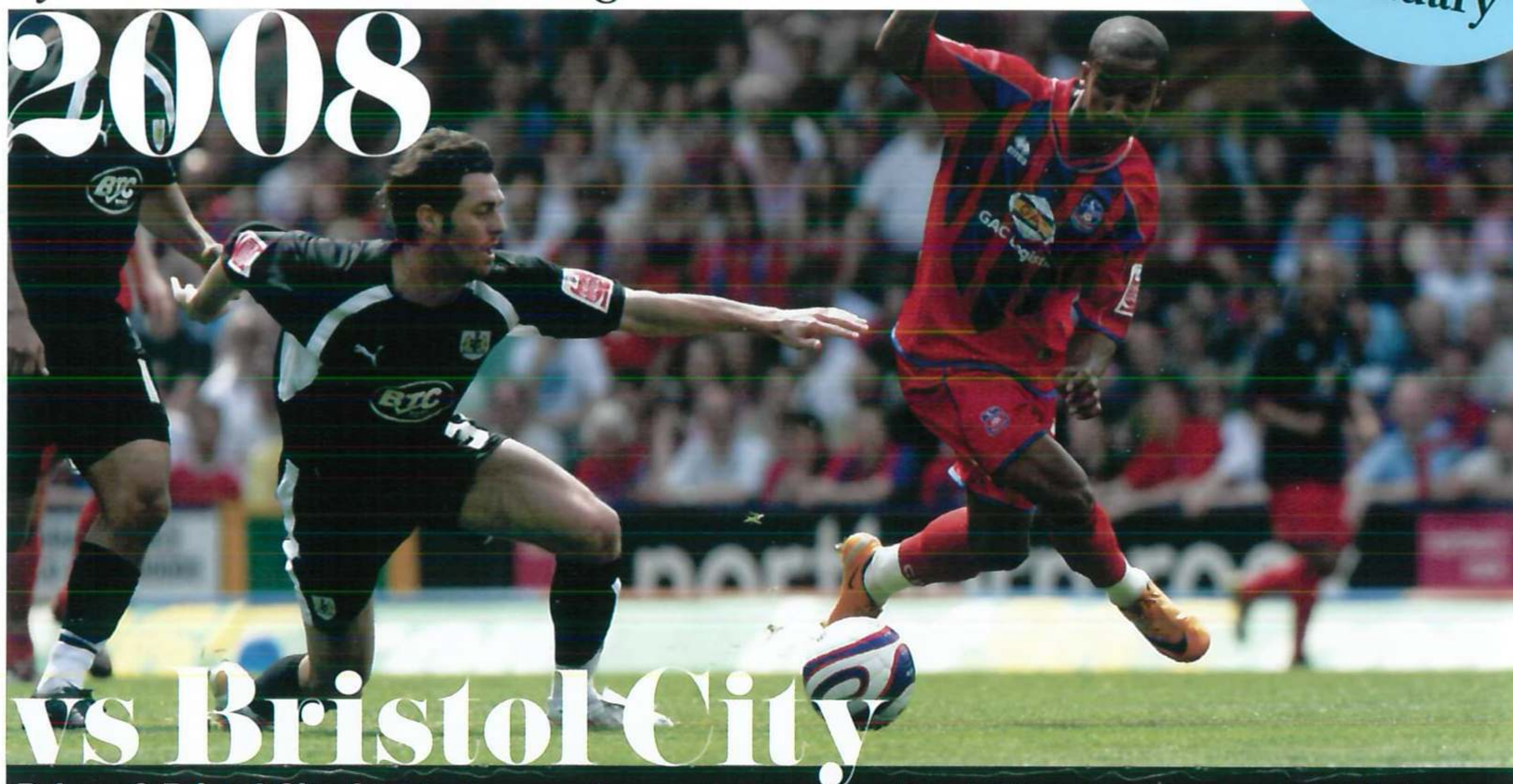


On This Day...

By Club Historian – Ian King

19th
January

2008



vs Bristol City

Palace 2 Bristol City 0 In the three months since he had arrived as manager at Selhurst Park, Neil Warnock had taken the club from looking over its shoulder at relegation to the play-off places and this Saturday afternoon Championship fixture brought second placed Bristol City into SE25. It would be the first home game for defender John Halls, on loan from Reading in a five-game spell.

The Eagles got off to a flying start after just six minutes when James Scowcroft flicked header led to City defender James McAllister's attempted clearance hitting Clinton Morrison that then flew past City's keeper Adrian Basso into the net. Tom Soares nearly doubled the advantage 11

minutes from half-time but his toe-poke trickled inches wide of a post. Early in the second half Julian Speroni had to deal with a header from City debutant Nick Carle that he tipped over the bar, and then Morrison could have settled it on the hour mark when clean through but shot wide. Five minutes from time Ben Watson's free-kick found the head of skipper Mark Hudson to seal another three points taking the Eagles into fifth place and an unbeaten league run now stretching over 15 games. However City would be back for the play-offs at the end of the season.

Palace: Speroni, Halls, Hill, Derry, Lawrence, Hudson, Scannell (Grabban), Watson, Scowcroft, Morrison (Hills), Soares

vs Reading

Palace 2 Reading 0 Following easy victories over Taunton Town and Newark Town in the first two rounds of the FA Cup it needed a second replay in the third round with Reading to see Palace into the fourth round and a home tie with Everton. That took place at the neutral venue of Stamford Bridge on a Monday afternoon, two days after suffering a first home defeat of the season, and surprisingly attracted an attendance just short of twenty thousand.

The previous two encounters had both ended level at one goal apiece and it seemed that a third replay was going to be necessary as this game remained goalless until five minutes before the end of extra-time. For both teams it was the fourth

1931

game in nine days and tiredness was a factor so that the first Palace goal came from a mistake in

Reading's defence that allowed George Clarke to shoot home unmarked from close range. Reading somehow rallied to try and find an equaliser but Billy Callender in the Palace goal pulled off two remarkable saves and this after he had been injured in the first half, leaving the field for a time with Bobby Greener going in the goal. From the second of those saves Albert Harry broke away upfield and his cross was headed home by Peter Simpson (pictured), the 39th goal of his record breaking 54 goal season. The game against Everton was just five days away, one that both Callender and Greener would have to miss through injuries sustained against Reading, as Palace crashed out 6-0 to the Toffeemen.

Palace: Callender, Crilly, Charlton, Rivers, Wilde, Greener, Harry, Turner, Simpson, Butler, Clark



vs Wolves

Palace 1 Wolves 0 The Eagles were looking to get their season back on track in Division One following the exit from the FA Cup having lost in a second replay to Swansea City. Injuries still kept Kenny Sansom out of the side so Terry Boyle was handed his home debut alongside Billy Gilbert with captain Jim Cannon remaining at left back.



The only goal of the game came early on when Mike Flanagan (pictured), benefitting from a slip in the Wolves defence in the 12th minute, beat Paul Bradshaw in their goal to the ball and lifted it into the net. It was Flanagan's first goal at Selhurst Park for four months and that coincidentally was also against

Wolves in a League Cup tie. It was not the most inspiring of displays by the Eagles, playing most of the game on the counter attack and not showing any real purpose in front of goal until the appearance of David Swindlehurst for the final quarter of the game.

The most newsworthy item regarding Palace at that time was the unveiling of a plan by chairman Ray Bloye to relocate the club to the site of the former South Norwood Sewage Farm, wasteland since 1972, situated off Elmers End Road and construct a 40,000 seater stadium with an associated sports complex. *Palace: Burridge, Hinshelwood, Cannon, Kember, Boyle, Gilbert, Murphy, Fenwick, Walsh, Flanagan, Hilaire (Swindlehurst).*

1980

vs Bradford City



Bradford 2 Palace 1 This piece is not so much about this game but more about the maelstrom that was beginning to break over the club and its chairman Mark Goldberg. However this was the re-arranged date for the abandoned game at Valley Parade on 24th September 1998 thus Clinton Morrison had a goal expunged from his Palace record (pictured). Amid escalating rumours of financial meltdown at Selhurst Park and talk of Matt Jansen, Sasa Curcic and Attilio Lombardo having to follow the sale of Paul Warhurst all to raise funds, head coach Terry Venables was locked in talks with the chairman over his pay-off from the club. Director of Football Steve Coppell was immediately installed in Venables place and he took charge for the home game the following day and then this trip to Bradford. David Tuttle fired Palace into the lead in the 56th minute after being upfield for a corner that was not properly cleared, only for the home side to level 20 minutes later with a headed goal from a corner kick. Then three minutes from time City were awarded a contentious penalty kick that Peter Beagrie converted.

If Mark Goldberg thought matters were getting tough he had the little matter of a public meeting with Palace fans coming eight days later in the Arnhem Gallery at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon! *Palace: Miller, Burton, Jihai, Fullarton, Moore, Tuttle, Foster, Zhiyi (McKenzie), Rodger, Bradbury, Morrison*

1999

Flash Back

Crystal Palace

Warhurst 9, Gordon 19

2

Bolton Wanderers

Beardsley 36, Johansen 66

2

Saturday 27th September 1997 - Premiership
Attendance: 17,134

The Report

The Eagles threw away a two goal lead against Bolton as Michael Johansen's second half equaliser denied Palace their first home win of the season. Paul Warhurst's left footed strike had given Steve Coppell's side the lead on nine minutes, and when Dean Gordon doubled the lead inside 20 minutes a home victory looked on the cards. Peter Beardsley, halved the deficit before half-time though, before Johansen earned Wanderers a point to leave Palace only three above the drop zone.

The Photo

1

Gudni Bergsson

After starting his career at local Icelandic side Valur, Bergsson joined Terry Venables at Tottenham and played intermittently over five years. Upon being told he could leave Spurs, Bergsson had a trial game in the Palace reserves, alerting Bolton manager Bruce Rioch to his availability. He then spent eight years at Wanderers, making close to 300 appearances before retiring.

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Paul Warhurst

A 20 year career saw Warhurst play for no less than 20 clubs and against that backdrop it is probably no surprise that he only spent one season with Palace. Joining upon the club's promotion to the Premier League he stayed until November after relegation when he joined Bolton, initially on loan. He stayed there until 2003 and then began a nomadic existence that saw him appear for 10 clubs in four years.



Rival Watch

Northampton 2 - 0 Millwall
(Division Two)

Brighton 2 - 1 Rochdale Utd
(Division Three)



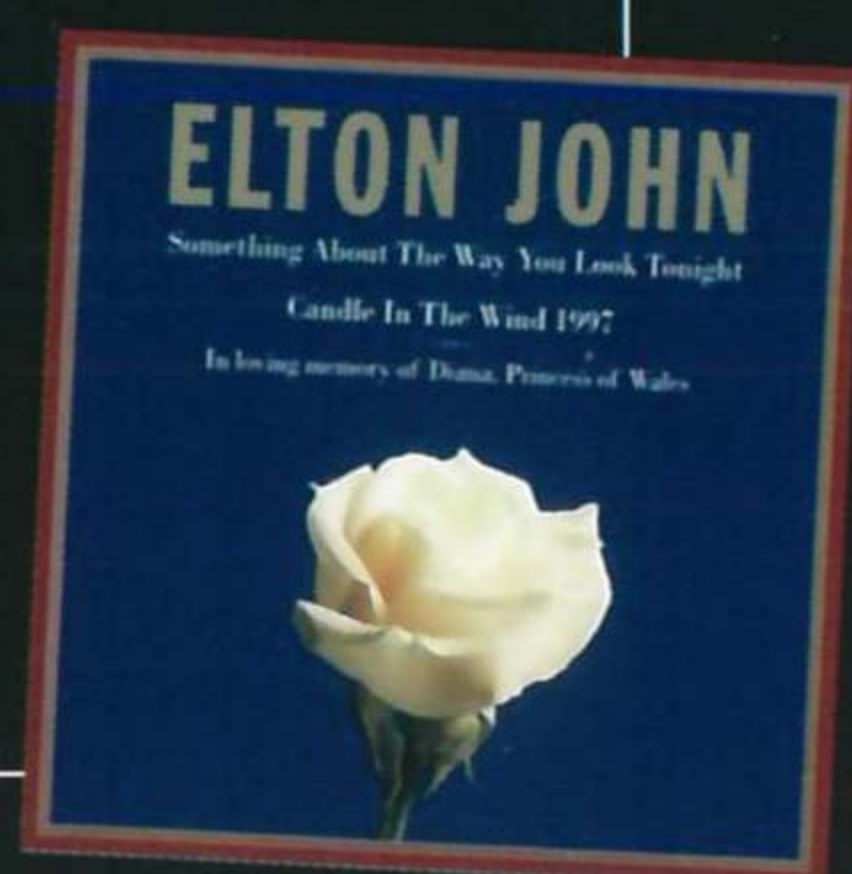


#1 On This Day



Film:
Spawn

Song:
Elton John -
Candle In The
Wind 1997



Away Days



Bolton. What do you think of? Peter Kay the comedian, Amir Khan (WBA world light-welterweight champion), mills, chimneys and of course Dougie Freedman!

Of my eight visits to Bolton the game I am going to talk about is my first ever visit to The Reebok Stadium on Saturday 2nd May 1998. This was the very first season for Bolton in their new home after leaving Burnden Park behind them. Both teams started the season with high hopes in the Premier League but neither enjoyed their best campaign.

We headed 'up north' on a lovely early summer's morning for the usual routine. A breakfast stop at 'The Giggling Sausage' café in Northampton (which we still attend for every away game we are passing) for 'The Full Monty'. Engines full it is off to pick up pops (Daryl Bourne) in Northampton before heading up the M1/M6. Various motorway games are played to pass away the hours before, upon arrival, it was into a pub at the top of the hill from the ground. The name of it escapes me and I'm not sure if it's even still there (as we found an alternative venue this year) for a pre match pint or two (ok, some of you know me by now!) before heading down to the ground for kick-off.

We were already relegated from memory, although Bolton did have a chance to stay in the league at the time. A crowd of 24,449 was in attendance for this vital game. Nathan Blake gave Bolton the lead on seven minutes to send the home fans into raptures only for Dean Gordon to score straight from the kick-off. The home fans were then silenced once more when Marcus Bent hit a screamer on 16 minutes to put us 2-1 up. We were still asking ourselves "why didn't we play like this all season?" when Mark Fish scored on 20 minutes and Jimmy Phillips 10 minutes later to send us in 3-2 down at the break!

After trying out the usual half-time pint it was a much quieter second half other than Alan Thompson scoring on 70 minutes and Dean Holdsworth finishing the rout on 79 minutes to make it 5-2! The rest of the game seemed to take an age with no other noticeable incidents other than John Salako replac-

ing Nathan Blake and one minute earlier our record ever signing Valerian Ismael (£2.75m from Strasbourg in the January window) managing to get himself sent off!

The sounds of "we are staying up, say we are staying up" ringing in our ears for the final 10 minutes were hard to bear but it lasted until the final whistle after which we charged like loonies back to the car to avoid the customary hour long wait getting out the car park.

It was our final away game in the Premier League and so turned out to be the last home one for Bolton as the week after they managed to lose 2-0 at Chelsea to be relegated on goal difference by Everton. It always reminds me of a sign Swindon Town fans held aloft one year "Premier League never, Football League forever" – although let's hope that's not to be the case this year. **COME ON PALACE. ■**

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Matchday Messageboard

Congratulations "Heudy" ! Colin Heudebourck ("Heudy") celebrates with us here today, his 65th birthday. A lifelong support of the Eagles deserves a long life. Many happy returns !!



RIP Len Bartholomew lifelong Palace fan at the age of 101, who sadly passed away on the 2nd Jan. He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends, but will always be remembered with lots of love always and forever. Keith, Lorraine, Lee and Terry XX



A massive happy birthday to Paul 'Texas' Holden, from all the minibus crew that go home & away! #hesjust2good4you

Sam Goodbody becomes a teenager tomorrow, with lots of love from all the family, Mum, Dad, sister Poppy and Poppydog.



Mick Macqueen would like to thank his son Neil, sons in law Phil and John, brother Ian, and friends Rob, Dave, Bobby, Jim and Geoff in celebrating his 70th birthday.



Crystal Alice in her new Palace coat, she's Palace's number one supporting dog. From Steven and Stacey Cowell Rushden.

Palace fan Derren Depledge is celebrating his 40th birthday in Speroni's today with family & friends. "The only place I could think of going to celebrate my 40th birthday was Speroni's at Selhurst Park. COYE!" he said.



Happy birthday to lifelong Palace fan Jo Scoble who is 41 on the 22nd January with love from husband Chris and son Alfie



A very happy 60th birthday to Janet Simpson, a lifelong Palace fan and season ticket holder in the Holmesdale Upper. With lots of love from Dave, Neil, Joseph, Steve, Polly, Stan, Rob, Mia and all family and friends.

Happy birthday to Claire Mitchell from husband Rob and all her family. Claire celebrates her 30th birthday today and has been supporting the Eagles since



Happy birthday Billy! Love from all your family and friends xxx

Happy anniversary Gemma, thank you for making me so happy. Love you very much, can't wait for our future together. The future's bright the future's red and blue, come on you Palace! Love your swagsta

With us in Speroni's today is Dr Robin Taylor, himself a keen goalkeeper. The match is part of his "stag do" as he is a devoted football fan. He kicks off married life to his beautiful bride Alison on Feb 2nd. His favourite former player was Nigel Martyn.



Happy 18th birthday to James Gross who is a season ticket holder in the Lower Holmesdale. With love from Mum, Dad, and sister Katy



Happy 30th birthday Darren, Love from your family and friends x



With great sadness the family and friends of Andy Friend would like to announce his passing. Andy was a huge Palace fan home and away and a huge character who will be deeply missed. RIP 7/09/84 - 08/01/13.

Happy 50th birthday to Steve Stewart.

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South Africa

The African Nations Cup kicks off this weekend when hosts South Africa, with Palace midfielder Kagisho Dikgacoi in the likely starting line-up, play Cape Verde Islands in the opening match in Johannesburg.

South Africa also face Angola (Wed Jan 23) and Morocco (Sun Jan 27) in their group but will meet tough opponents (Ghana, Congo DR or Mali) if they reach the quarter-finals (Sat Feb 2)

Ghana, Ivory Coast and

Nigeria start as the tournament favourites while local crowds have failed to get behind the South Africans. Only 14,000 watched South Africa draw 0-0 with Algeria in their last friendly warm-up game.

Nigeria's squad included Victor Moses, while Ivory Coast have Didier Drogba, Kolo and Yaya Toure and Man City youngster Abdul Razak, a former Palace youth team player.



Germany

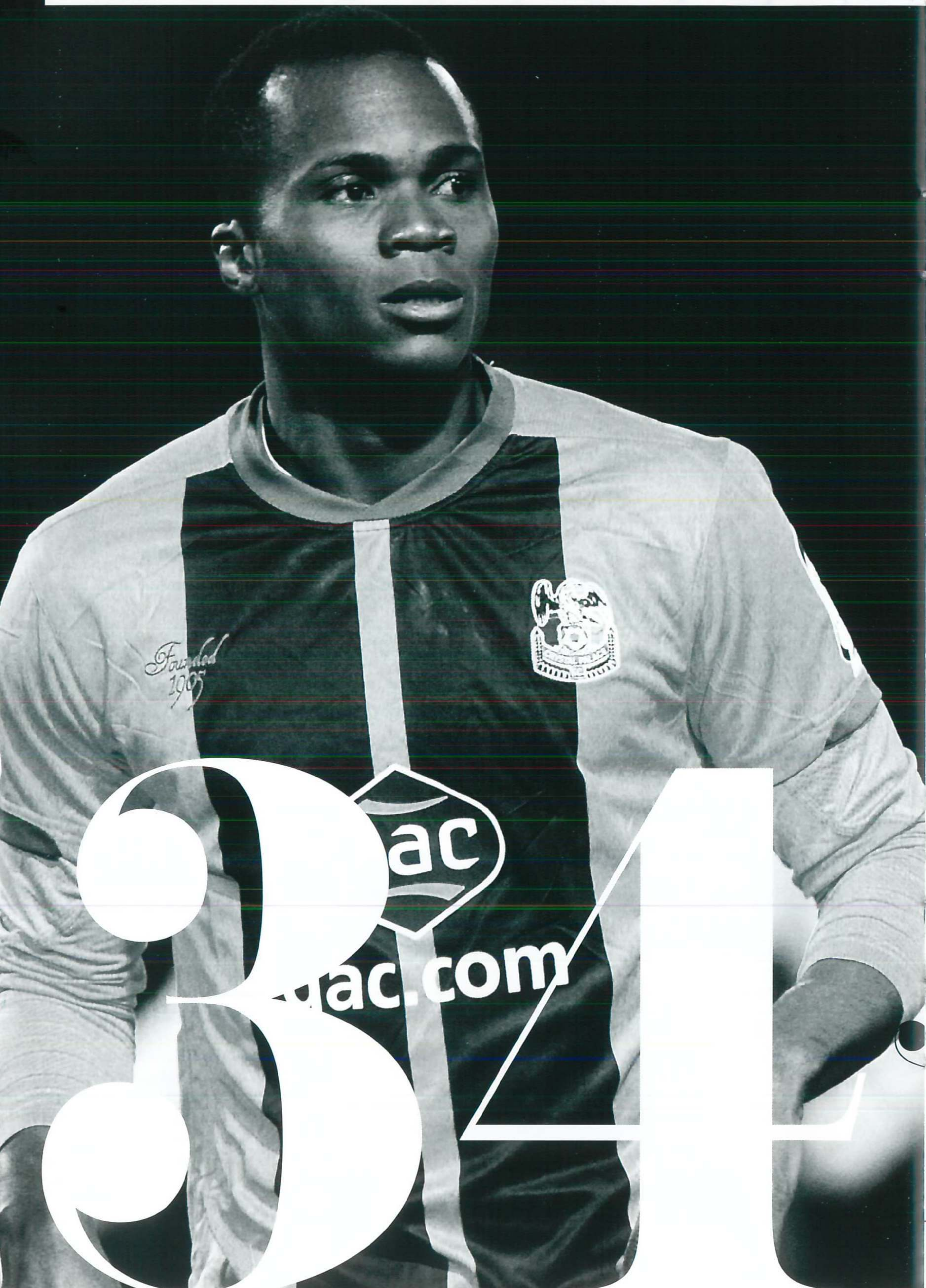
Former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola will coach Bayern Munich next season after turning down offers from Manchester City and Chelsea.

Guardiola has been enjoying a year out from football since leaving Barcelona last summer and had been heavily linked with a move to English football. City had hired former Barcelona directors Txiki Begiristain and Ferran Soriano in a bid to lure Guardiola to Manchester while Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich was prepared to make Guardiola the world's best-paid manager.

Meanwhile, Guardiola's predecessor at



Barcelona, Frank Rijkaard, has been sacked as national coach of Saudi Arabia following the team's disappointing showing at the Gulf Cup. He was reported to be the Saudis' 37th manager in 24 years.



In this week's programme we speak to new signing Alex Nimely. The on-loan forward talks about adapting to the Championship last season, his first impressions of the club and his opinion of his new manager.

Words by Mike Sinnerton

Squad depth. That's what it's all about these days. "Our bench isn't strong enough." "Look at Leicester's options." "We need to give Murray a rest." So say the fans and, for a change, and on the whole, you'd have to agree with them. And so the January transfer market becomes a search for options, for that player who can make the difference between glory and faded memories. For Palace the first of those players is Alex Nimely, who seems to have settled in at the club very quickly.

"I want to give thanks and appreciation to the manager for his interest in me and bringing me to this massive club. Last season I went on loan at Middlesbrough and then Coventry so I've played against Blackpool and Crystal Palace a couple of times and I think the manager has been watching me for a long time. So when he gave me the call I was very happy to come here."

Nimely's signing gives Palace pace from the bench, certainly initially with Zaha and Bolasie causing huge problems for defences out wide. But his versatility also gives Ian Holloway a number of options and could prove key as the season continues.

"I can play anywhere up front, as the main striker, to the right, the left or behind the striker. I'm a team player so I like to score goals and to create goals too. This is a very good league. Last year was my very first time going out on loan and at the beginning, at Middlesbrough, it was difficult. Then towards the middle of the season I got more used to it, I went to Coventry and I did well there. So now I know a lot more about the league."

Holloway and Nimely seem a good fit, with both keen to improve and the Manchester City loanee impressed by the manager's commitment to young players and attacking, passing football.

"It's a very good squad here; the lads are good too and have welcomed me well. Obviously I played against them last season but I've known some of them quite a

while now. I watched the home game against Stoke from the stands and we played good football so I'm looking forward to it. I've trained with the strikers and there are some fantastic players, of course at Man City there are some brilliant players but here the training and the intensity are both good.

"Burnley wasn't far from Manchester so a lot of my friends and family went to watch the game and I'm already looking forward to doing well for this club as we push for promotion. I played at Selhurst earlier in the season (for the Man City under 21s) which was my first game back from injury so that was enjoyable too. I actually trained with the squad the day before the (first) Stoke game which was good and having gone to the game I was actually a bit shocked with how much the team play the ball on the floor. But this manager is a fantastic manager, his philosophy is good, he wants to play and improve young players and that's why he brought me down here.

"He said to me 'I know what you can do. You just have to go out there and play your game and then hopefully we can improve and you'll help us get some goals.'"

Holloway, for his part, has often spoken of his frustration of big clubs hoarding young players both halting their playing time and their development. And the Palace boss spoke of Nimely having the right skill-set both in his body and in his mind to move forward as a player.

"I've admired him for a couple of years; I like his movement, his skill and his tenacity. I want to try and get him getting goals for us and hopefully he'll do that. He's a nice kid and is one of the ones they stack and rack at Man City so I'm delighted that with the choices he had he has chosen us.

"What I'm pleased with having had a real look at him first is his attitude. I really like someone who wants to learn and wants to work hard and to chase around for the team. Hopefully when he gets wind of what I want to do and how I want to do it it'll suit his talents and we can really get him going. It's all about us strengthening and I think he'll do that for us." ■

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Around The



Sutton Kickz Substance Misuse Workshop

The Crystal Palace FC Foundation's Kickz Sutton project welcomed Paul Hannaford to a recent Sutton Life Centre session where he gave a workshop on substance misuse and an insight into his life.

Paul is an ex-gang leader and drug addict whose life choices made as a teenager led him to serve time in prison.

After nearly losing his legs and consequently his life to drug abuse, he decided that he had to turn his life around. Paul has now been clean from drugs and alcohol addiction for six years.

His inspirational talk to more than 35 young people aged 11 to 18 outlined the potential dangers of gang membership, cannabis and other drugs using his own life story as an example. Paul spent

the evening with these young boys and girls showing pictures of his life, explaining how he ended up in prison, rehab and why he is now visiting football clubs, schools and youth clubs where he has educated more than 150,000 young people in three years.

After the workshop, Paul joined the young people on the football pitch, giving them a chance to ask questions in an informal setting.

One young viewer commented: "I really didn't realise smoking a small bit of cannabis could have such a bad impact on my life. The pictures Paul showed us were horrible, especially the ones with maggots in his legs."

For further information on the Foundation's Kickz projects please

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION COME AND GONE?

If your male, aged 30 plus and are struggling to keep your new year's resolution to lose weight and or become more physically active then the Foundation's Fitter Fans Clubs could help inspire you to achieve your goal. The clubs run in 10 week blocks weekly throughout the year at Selhurst Park for men aged 30 to 39 and 40 plus.

For further information and to book your place on forthcoming clubs please contact Rob Perrett on 020 8768 6047.

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CPFC Futsal Scholars

Good afternoon everyone, a big hello to Dougie and his team as they return to Selhurst today and welcome too to all of our 'matchday experience' winners to the Study Centre.

We have been very busy in the classroom since the start of the new year, all of our post 16 scholars have attended presentations to enhance their studies, and our futsal scholars have already played against Brighton (the A team were victors and our B team were defeated).

Only a few months ago we joined forces with the CPFC Foundation to run the Futsal and Education programme at The Study Centre.

During our bi-weekly four hour sessions together, the 16 boys enrolled on the course attend the Learning Zone here in the Main Stand and actively contribute on the BTEC Level 3 in Sport. The primary objective of the BTEC course is to develop the students' knowledge and understanding of sports psychology, training and physiology. However, as in any educational programme we also place emphasis on

positive attitudes including respect of self and others, giving 100% effort, attendance, punctuality and appearance.

Students benefit from the plethora of facilities that the club has available, which in turn supports their education and development. The students' learning experiences are enhanced beyond the four walls of the classroom, as we are able to integrate BTEC course requirements, e.g. health & safety aspects, by utilising club personnel and the stadium itself. Recently, during the sports coaching module of the BTEC course, the futsal scholars benefitted from an inspirational presentation from our academy staff at our training ground.

Study Centre teacher Jon Thacker has been hugely encouraged by the progress and development that our futsal scholars have made since the beginning of this academic year, and is looking forward to seeing their achievements & progress increase, as well as witnessing each scholar achieving greater independence whilst developing as individuals over the remainder of this two year course.

During the very first week of the spring term I arranged for ex-Tottenham midfielder Paul McVeigh (pictured left) and sports psychologist Gavin Drake of ThinkPRO to deliver a presentation to kick-start the new year for our academy scholars.

Here are the best of the comments from our under 18 academy squad:

"The presentation gave me a deeper insight into how crucial psychological stability is on and off the pitch to become a successful footballer."

"ThinkPro was one of the best, if not the best psychology lessons I've had so far in my two years of my scholarship and in one lesson they helped me change the way I thought going into training!"

Gavin and Paul were very impressed with our youth squad, commenting on what polite and well mannered young men they were, showing themselves to be excellent ambassadors for this great club. We look forward to developing a stronger working relationship with them in the near future.

STADIUM TOURS

During a stadium tour, you can learn about the colourful history of the club. **Target age group:** Any Age
Group size: Ratio lowered to provide higher quality tour and time for enhanced

Further Details 020 8768 6066

Q&A. **Timing:** 12:00-13:00 [Flexible start],
Cost: £3.50 under 16 £4.50 over 16,
Literacy maths tours £125. Other tours-price on request.

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View From

To boo or not to boo? That is the question. It is this dilemma that threatens to polarise Palace fans on a day when we should do everything as one to get behind the team, while reminding Dougie Freedman what he is missing.

When it comes to booing, I always regret it in the fullness of time, be it singing that rude song about Ian Wright or hissing the return of Judas managers over the years. It's undignified stuff and in any case, how can I heckle a bloke who scored more than 100 goals for Palace? I'll be keeping my trap shut today, for a change.

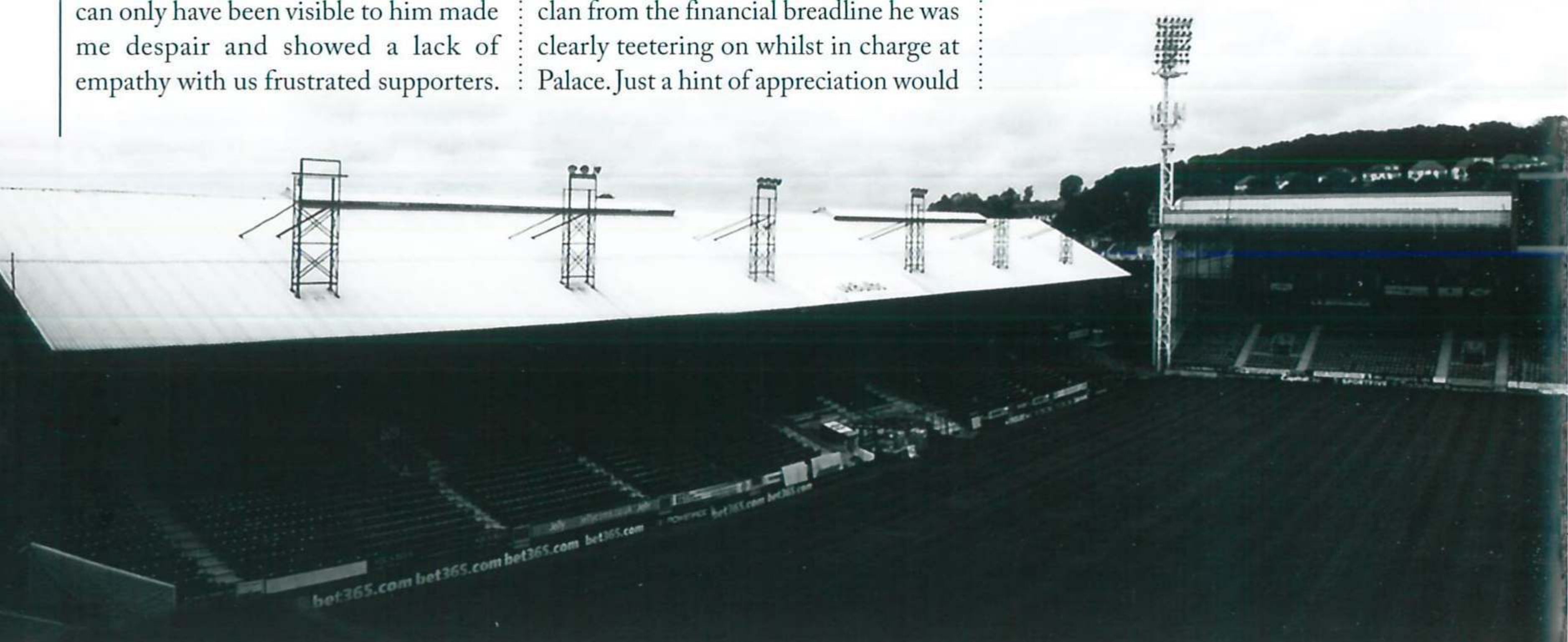
Don't expect hypocrisy from me, though. Readers of this column will know that I didn't really warm to Dougie as our manager. I'm a sucker who is seduced by bosses that are quirky, charismatic and who visibly appreciate and reciprocate the passion shown by us fans. In the case of Neil Warnock, for instance, it's probably a cosmetic sham, but the way he showered us with praise appealed to my desire to feel wanted. I just didn't get this with Dougie – his monotone press conferences following abject defeats that extolled positives that can only have been visible to him made me despair and showed a lack of empathy with us frustrated supporters.

Of course, I didn't know Dougie well – or at all, really, so it's possible I've got it all wrong. The closest I got was at the 2011 Player of the Year Awards in the marquee on the Selhurst pitch. He came up to present an award and he was applauded fulsomely by those present, with many singing "Oh Dougie Freedman – he saved us three times". Rather than smile, acknowledge or thank us minions, he just nonchalantly stood on stage, staring unimpressed at the purveyors of his hero worshiping and then like a school teacher curtly told them to be quiet so he could speak. I found it a little unnerving, if I'm honest.

It's the lack of gratitude that grates. Wishful thinking, perhaps, but wouldn't it be great if Dougie uses the pre-match press coverage to thank us fans for the support that we gave him? Remember all those songs, the banners, montages and so on? It's a great opportunity for him to also correct that risible comment he supposedly made about needing to leave to protect his family. This facile excuse merely fuelled speculation that either CPFC2010 were sending a heavy mob round his house or maybe, after the 2011 riots, he thought that our humble part of the world wasn't safe anymore. More likely he felt that a pay increase would insulate the Freedman clan from the financial breadline he was clearly teetering on whilst in charge at Palace. Just a hint of appreciation would

make the pain more bearable – remember Ollie's first utterance when he was unveiled pitch-side against Blackburn was to thank Blackpool's fans? Has a set of supporters every rallied round a manager as passionately as we did against Sheffield Wednesday in September, when defeat that day might have given CPFC2010 reasonable justification to dismiss him, following our worst start to a season in nearly 40 years?

How much of the turnaround was down to Freedman? Rumours (and that is all they are probably) abound of a heated discussion between Steve Parish and Dougie in the car park at Ashton Gate following our awful defeat in August – the story being that CPFC2010 were frustrated by the negative tactics as hinted at by a tweet from Parish around that time. Some Palace fans accused Dougie of a stubborn streak with him convinced that his way was the only way – the more he was pushed to change it, the greater the sense of belligerence. Then there was the over-cautiousness, be it in the tactics or the obsession with sitting back and defending leads, or telling us how grateful we should be for mid-table mediocrity. How frustrating to see our manager rule out a push for the play-offs last January when we were well set to kick on. Had



The Upper

By Alex Warner

Coppell (1989 and 1997) taken that philosophy or Dowie (2004), then we'd never have enjoyed those wonderful promotions.

We'll never know what went through Dougie's mind and why he decided to join Bolton. His comments just days before departing about not wanting to leave a job half-done and his public advice to Wilf about the benefits of staying at Selhurst to learn his trade were, in my view, not intended to be misleading, but probably just thoughtlessness, borne of the naivety of someone still young and inexperienced managerially. If Dougie felt that Wilf wasn't ready for a move, it was quite the opposite for himself – we heard that he'd sat down with Mrs Freedman one night and said: "I think I've earned this. I owe it to myself to take this opportunity." Three wins in 25, the bookies' favourite for the managerial chop before a brief run of half-decent results saved him and suddenly Dougie felt he'd deserved the chance of a move to a so-called bigger Championship outfit! You couldn't make it up.

Dougie and Palace were good for each other. He was an exciting goal scoring talent that made a success of the opportunity that Palace gave him to showcase his talent, in a way that he'd



struggled elsewhere, except for at Barnet. We also provided him with the chance to enter into the coaching ranks when his employer, Southend United didn't seem in any hurry to move him in this direction. He was then number two to George Burley when the Palace boss might not have unreasonably wanted to bring in his own man. Then CPFC2010 gave him his first management job despite there being more experienced candidates around and stood by him during a sustained period of drab performances that was doing nothing for season ticket sales and gate revenue.

Despite all this, I won't boo today, however if by 3pm we've still not heard from Dougie the slightest comment in the media acknowledging the support he received from Palace fans or just a hint of affection towards the Eagles, then I'll be shaking my head in disbelief, once again. That would be another painful reminder that Dougie didn't love Palace as much as we thought he did. That's what hurts the most to us romantics out there who still think that it is more than just a job for those privileged enough to represent our wonderful club. Thanks for the goals, though. ■



Championship Round-Up



Main Story

Leeds United

Losing at Barnsley went down extremely badly with Leeds fans, many of whom began calling for Neil Warnock to be sacked.

The former Selhurst gaffer had the chant 'Warnock, time to go' ringing in his ears from a travelling support of 5,000 after Chris Dagnall's brace left Leeds in 11th place.

The club's new owners want instant promotion but Warnock insisted he was still the man to bring back the good times, especially if he could bring in new signings this month.

"You can't blame the fans, they pay their money," he said. "But I think I'm doing a great job if I'm honest. I understand their disappointment but we know we need to strengthen."



Blackpool

The transfer window may be wide open but you could be forgiven for thinking that more managers have been moving than players in the Championship this month.

Bristol City sacked Derek McInnes and replaced him with Sean O'Driscoll, who had been pushed out by Nottingham Forest to make way for Alex McLeish just a few weeks earlier.

Over at Molineux, Wolves brought in Dean Saunders, who had succeeded O'Driscoll at Doncaster, when Stale Solbakken was sent packing.

And Blackpool found themselves searching for a new gaffer yet again when Michael Appleton, Olly's successor at Bloomfield Road, made the short trip across Lancashire to Blackburn to replace Henning Berg!

Top Scorers
(2012/13)

- 1. Glenn Murray 22
(Crystal Palace)
- 2. Charlie Austin 19
(Burnley)
- 3. Luciano Becchio 16
(Leeds United)



Top Assists
(2012/13)

- 1. Chris Eagles 12
(Bolton)
- 2. Tom Ince 10
(Blackpool)
- 3. Bakary Sako 9
(Wolves)



Barnsley



Barnsley had also been searching for a new boss after calling time on Keith Hill's stay at the club at the end of December.

Sean O'Driscoll turned them down, as did former England skipper Terry Butcher, who is enjoying life in the Highlands with Inverness at the moment.

In the end the Tykes decided to stick with caretaker David Flitcroft, Hill's right-hand man.

A 2-0 Yorkshire derby victory over Leeds saw the position offered to the 38-year-old on a permanent basis and director Don Rowing was confident of more success.

He said: "On the playing side he's made the team more effective in the right areas."



Peterborough United



Peterborough boss Darren Ferguson has the luxury of being able to borrow players from his famous father and two Manchester United youngsters are now at London Road.

Defender Scott Wootton, who had a loan spell there last season, is back for more and Sir Alex Ferguson has sent play-maker pal Davide Petrucci with him this time.

"I have known Scott for a long time, so I am very good friends with him," the Italian said. "We live together now and hopefully we can play together and do well. I have taught Scott a little bit of Italian and he has taught me a little bit of Scouse, so we are getting on just fine."



Watford



Watford now have one fewer loanee from Udinese after striker Fernando Forestieri made his Vicarage Road stay permanent.

The Hornets share the same owners as the Italian outfit and boss Gianfranco Zola borrowed a whole team from them at the start of the season.

Forestieri, 22, said: "Life feels good at Watford and it feels like home. I love working with people here and I feel protected. I will give my heart for the club."

Udinese have been busy trying to sign Colombian striker Brayan 'Coco' Perea and guess where the 19-year-old has already been earmarked for a loan spell?

It seems a crazy way to build a team but it's working as the Hornets are in the final play-off spot.

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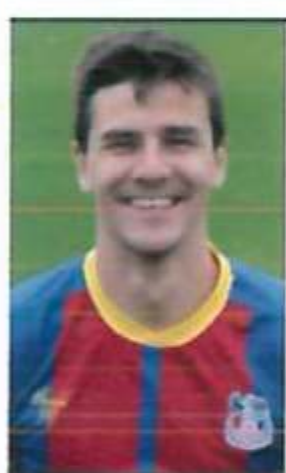
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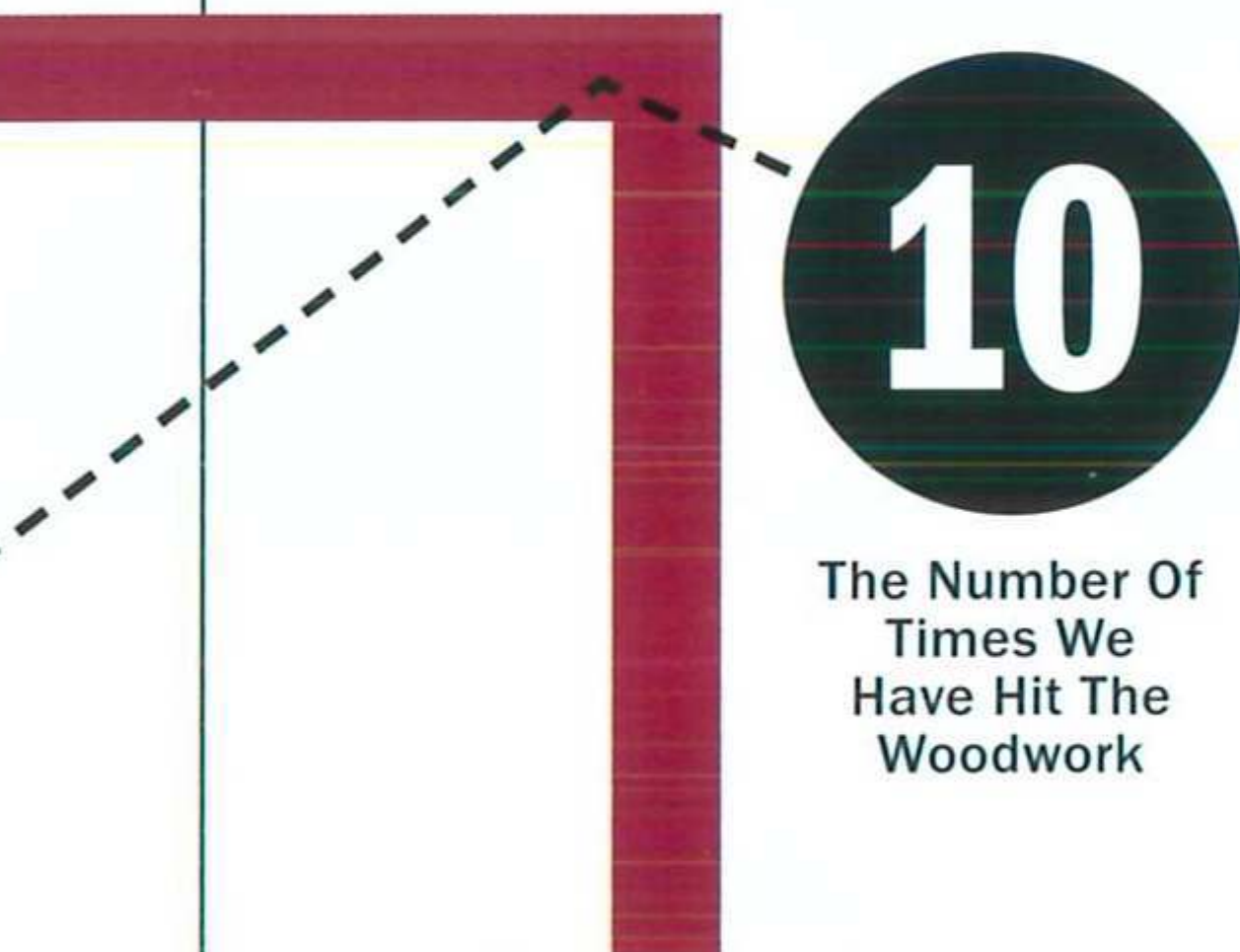
Goals Inside The Six-Yard Box



Goals In The Penalty Area



Goals Outside The Penalty Area



The Number Of Times We Have Hit The Woodwork



Penalties Scored = 12



Penalties Saved = 1

Most Shots*		
1	Murray	53
2	Bolasie	45
=	Zaha	45
4	Jedinak (Right)	28
5	Moritz	25

* League Only



Number Of Games Played

31

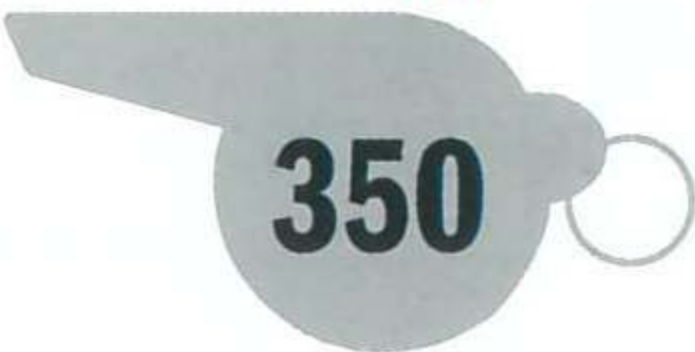
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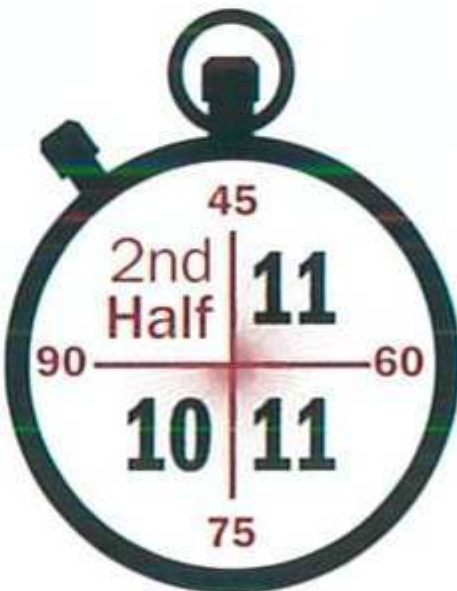
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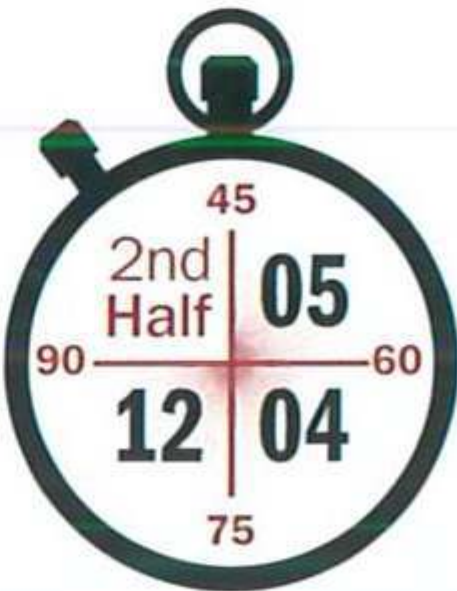
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When Palace Have Scored
Extra Time = 00



When Palace Have Conceded
Extra Time = 03



Goals From Corners

How Palace Have Scored? Headers = 12

Right Foot Goals
30



Left Foot Goals
12



Total Number Of Goals



159
Shots On Target

172
Shots Off Target

+

331

Total Number Of Shots

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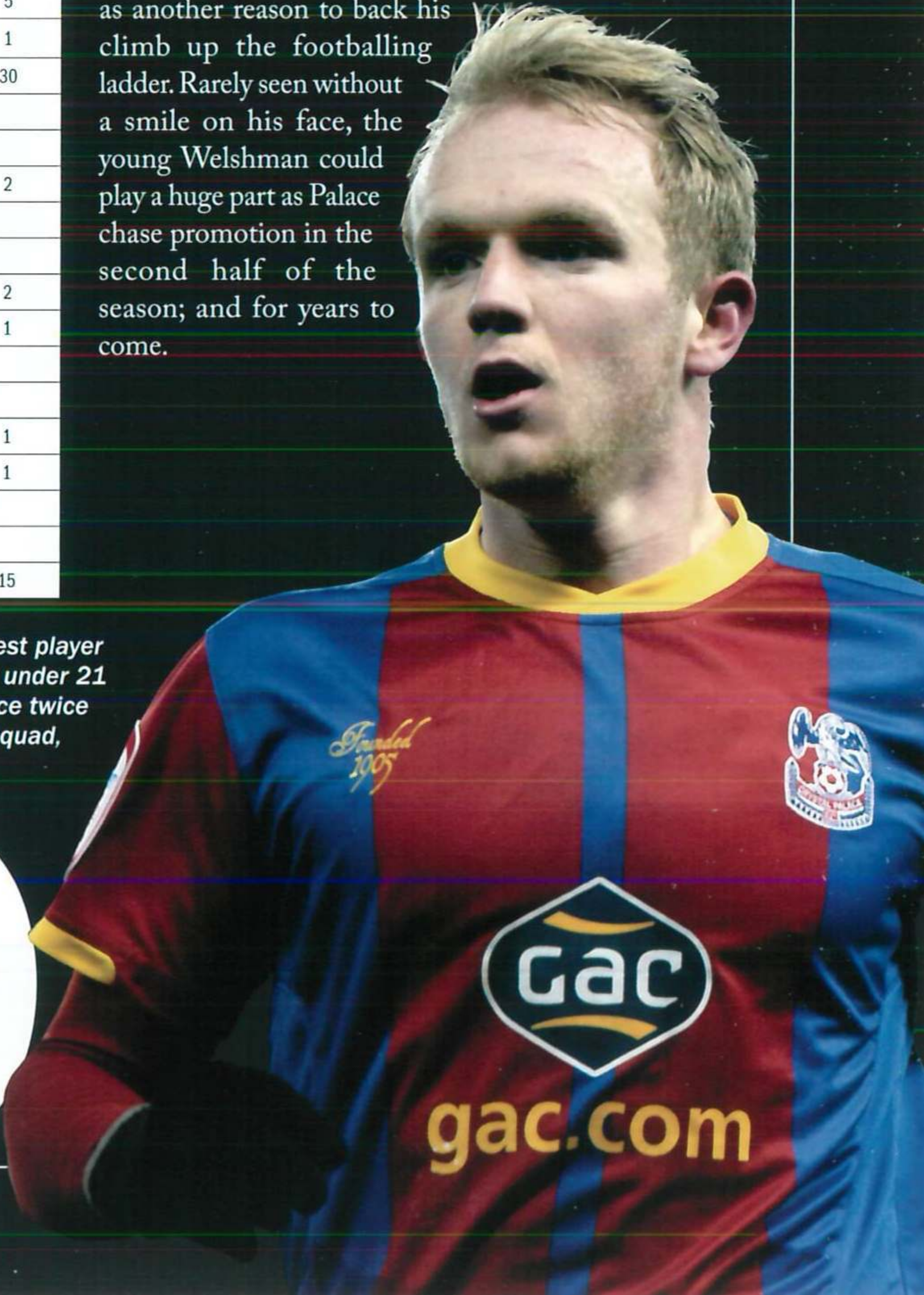
Player Stats

Player	Season 2012/13 Appearances			Crystal Palace Career		
	League		Cup	Total		Total
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
KWESI APPIAH	0(2)		1(2)		5	9
JASON BANTON			0(1)		1	1
DARCY BLAKE	9 (1)		1		11	11
HIRAM BOATENG			1		1	1
YANNICK BOLASIE	24(1)	2	1(1)		27	2
DAMIEN DELANEY	21	3	2		23	3
KYLE DE SILVA	0(1)		1		2	9
KAGISHO DIKGACOI	24	4	1	1	25	5
JERMAINE EASTER	2(5)	1	3	1	10	2
DANIEL GABBIDON	3(2)		1		6	6
OWEN GARVAN	21(3)	4	1(1)		26	4
DAVID GOODWILLIE	0(1)				1	1
MILE JEDINAK	26	2	2		28	2
PATRICK McCARTHY						147
ALEX MARROW						25
AARON MARTIN	3(1)		2		6	6
ANDRE MORITZ	9(10)	5	1(2)		22	5
DEAN MOXEY	10(9)		3		22	68
GLENN MURRAY	23	22	1(1)	1	25	23
ALEX NIMELY	0(1)				1	1
STUART O'KEEFE	1(2)		3		6	29
JONATHAN PARR	23(4)		1		28	73
MATTHEW PARSONS			1		1	10
LEWIS PRICE			4		4	16
PETER RAMAGE	25(1)	2	3		28	2
IBRA SEKAJJA						3
JULIAN SPERONI	27				27	288
JOEL WARD	16(3)		2		21	21
AARON WILBRAHAM	2(9)		2(1)	1	14	1
JONATHAN WILLIAMS	2(9)		2(1)		14	32
DAVID WRIGHT	0(1)		1(1)		3	57
ALEX WYNTER						1
WILFRIED ZAHA	26	5	3(1)		30	5
					123	15

20 Jonathan Williams

Another of Palace's academy gems, Williams has the ability to go as far in the game as he wants, with only injury so far blighting a wonderful start to his Palace career. Now 19, the midfielder, whose best attributes include balance, vision and wonderful close control, seems to have overcome a broken leg and a number of false dawns to return from injury.

Already a fans' favourite despite having made just 31 appearances, Williams down-to-earth nature has been cited as another reason to back his climb up the footballing ladder. Rarely seen without a smile on his face, the young Welshman could play a huge part as Palace chase promotion in the second half of the season; and for years to come.



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Williams is the second youngest player ever to turn out for the Welsh under 21 side, aged just 17. He has since twice been called up to the senior squad, but has yet to make his full international debut.

Palace didn't lose a single game that Williams started last season. Picking up five wins and four draws in his nine starts. Even including substitute appearances the team won 50% of games with him involved; as opposed to 25% without.

Fixtures & Results 2012/13

Kick-Off 3pm Saturdays, midweek 8pm home and 7.45pm away unless stated otherwise

Date	Opposition	Res	Starting XI										
Tue Aug 14th	Exeter City <i>LCR1</i>	W 2-1	Price	Ward	Ramage	Martin	Moxey	Zaha	O'Keefe	Dikgacoi ①	Garvan	Easter ① ^P	Murray
Sat Aug 18th	Watford	L 2-3	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Martin	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan ② ^P	Parr	Wilbraham
Tue Aug 21st	Bristol City	L 1-4	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Martin	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi ①	Garvan	Parr	Wilbraham
Sat Aug 25th	Middlesbrough	L 1-2	Speroni	Blake	Ramage	Martin	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Easter ① ^P
Tues Aug 28th	Preston <i>LCR2</i>	L 1-4	Price	Ward	Blake	Martin	Moxey	Wright	Williams	O'Keefe	De Silva	Appiah	Wilbraham ①
Sat Sept 1st	Sheffield Weds	W 2-1	Speroni	Blake	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Moritz	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray ②
Fri Sept 14th	Charlton	W 1-0	Speroni	Blake	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi ①	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray
Tue Sept 18th	Nottingham Forest	D 1-1	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi ①	Garvan	Williams	Murray
Sat Sept 22nd	Cardiff City	W 3-2	Speroni	Blake	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Moritz	Bolasie	Murray ③ ^{PP}
Sat Sept 29th	Bolton	W 1-0	Speroni	Ward	Blake	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray ① ^P
Tue Oct 2nd	Wolves	W 2-1	Speroni	Ward	Blake	Delaney	Moxey	Zaha ②	Jedinak	Garvan	Williams	Bolasie	Murray
Sat Oct 6th	Burnley	W 4-3	Speroni	Blake	Ramage	Delaney ①	Moxey	Zaha ②	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Moritz	Bolasie	Murray ①
Sat Oct 20th	Millwall	D 2-2	Speroni	Blake	Ramage	Delaney ①	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak ①	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray
Tue Oct 23rd	Barnsley	D 1-1	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Dikgacoi	Jedinak	Garvan	Moritz	Bolasie	Murray ①
Sat Oct 27th	Leicester City	W 2-1	Speroni	Ward	Ramage ①	Delaney ①	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray
Sat Nov 3rd	Blackburn	W 2-0	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray ② ^P
Tue Nov 6th	Ipswich Town	W 5-0	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie ①	Murray ③ ^{PP}
Sat Nov 10th	Peterborough	W 2-1	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi ①	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray
Sat Nov 17th	Derby County	W 3-0	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Moritz ①	Bolasie	Murray ②
Sat Nov 24th	Leeds United	L 1-2	Speroni	Ward	Ramage ①	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray
Tue Nov 27th	Hull City	D 0-0	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Easter
Sat Dec 1st	Brighton	W 3-0	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan ① ^P	Bolasie	Murray ② ^P
Sat Dec 8th	Blackpool	D 2-2	Speroni	Blake	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan ①	Bolasie	Murray ①
Sat Dec 15th	Birmingham City	D 2-2	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha	Garvan	Dikgacoi	Moritz	Bolasie	Murray ②
Sat Dec 22nd	Huddersfield	D 1-1	Speroni	Ward	Ramage	Delaney	Parr	Zaha ①	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray
Wed Dec 26th	Cardiff City	L 1-2	Speroni	Parr	Ramage	Gabbidon	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak ①	Dikgacoi	Garvan	Bolasie	Murray
Sat Dec 29th	Nottingham Forest	D 2-2	Speroni	Parr	Ramage	Gabbidon	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Moritz	Bolasie	Murray ②
Tue Jan 1st	Wolves	W 3-1	Speroni	Parr	Ramage	Gabbidon	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak	Dikgacoi	Moritz ②	Bolasie	Murray
Sat Jan 5th	Stoke City	D 0-0	Price	Parr	Ramage	Delaney	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak	O'Keefe	Moritz	Bolasie	Easter
Sat Jan 12th	Burnley	L 0-1	Speroni	Parr	Ramage	Delaney	Moxey	Zaha	Jedinak	O'Keefe	Moritz	Bolasie	Murray
Tue Jan 15th	Stoke City	L 1-4	Price	Ramage	Delaney	Gabbidon	Parsons	Zaha	Jedinak	Boateng	Williams	Easter	Wilbraham
Sat Jan 19th	Bolton												
Sat Jan 26th	Huddersfield Town												
Sat Feb 2nd	Charlton												
Fri Feb 8th	Watford (7.45pm)												
Sat Feb 16th	Middlesbrough												
Tue Feb 19th	Bristol City												
Sat Feb 23rd	Sheffield Weds												
Fri Mar 1st	Derby County												
Tue Mar 5th	Hull City												
Sat Mar 9th	Leeds United												
Sun Mar 17th	Brighton (12pm)												
Fri Mar 29th	Birmingham City (5.30pm)												
Mon Apr 1st	Blackpool												
Sat Apr 6th	Barnsley												
Sat Apr 13th	Millwall												
Tue Apr 16th	Ipswich Town												
Sat Apr 20th	Leicester City												
Sat Apr 27th	Blackburn												
Sat May 4th	Peterborough												



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Bold = home fixtures, away fixtures, cup fixtures,
Captain = **B**, Number of goals = **123**
penalty = **1P**, own goal = **†**, first sub, second sub, third sub,
player booked = **1**, player sent off = **1**

Subs	Unused Subs	Attendance	Away Att.
Wright	Wilbraham Appiah	Speroni, Dorman, De Silva, Parsons	3,650 859
Wright		Price, Parsons, O'Keefe, Appiah, De Silva, Sekajja	17,109 1,690
Appiah	De Silva	Price, Wright, Parsons, O'Keefe, Dorman	12,227 727
Moritz	Appiah Moxey	Price, Ward, O'Keefe, Wilbraham	15,494 377
Zaha	Moritz Garvan	Speroni, Ramage, Parr, Dikgacoi	5,194 221
Moxey	Goodwillie Williams	Price, Ward, Dikgacoi, Wilbraham	14,043 2,404
Williams	Wilbraham Ward	Price, Moxey, Moritz, Goodwillie	21,730 3,217
Bolasie	Parr Moritz	Price, Martin, Goodwillie, Wilbraham	13,153 1,899
Ward	Williams Moxey	Price, Garvan, Goodwillie, Wilbraham	12,757 1,105
Moxey	Williams	Price, Martin, Moritz, Goodwillie, Wilbraham	16,727 952
Moritz	Parr Ramage	Price, O'Keefe, Goodwillie, Wilbraham	19,561 552
Williams	Parr Garvan	Price, Ward, Goodwillie, Wilbraham	20,863 749
Parr	Ward Williams	Price, Moritz, Wilbraham, Easter	16,124 2,600
O'Keefe		Price, Wright, Martin, Blake, Wilbraham, Easter	8,195 469
lbraham	Moxey	Price, Blake, O'Keefe, Moritz, Easter	23,646 2,056
Moxey		Price, Blake, O'Keefe, Moritz, Wilbraham, Easter	16,744 1,095
Moritz	Easter Moxey	Price, Blake, O'Keefe, Appiah	15,517 1,261
Moritz	Wilbraham Blake	Price, Moxey, O'Keefe, Easter	9,691 3,259
Garvan	Easter Wilbraham	Price, Blake, O'Keefe, Moxey	16,211 1,005
Moritz	Easter Wilbraham	Price, Moxey, Gabbidon, O'Keefe	20,964 1,362
lbraham		Price, Martin, Moxey, Gabbidon, O'Keefe, Appiah	16,656 467
Moritz	Wilbraham Moxey	Price, Gabbidon, O'Keefe, Easter	20,114 2,900
Moritz	Moxey	Price, Gabbidon, O'Keefe, Wilbraham, Easter	15,594 1,000
abbidon	Wilbraham	Price, Moxey, O'Keefe, Easter, Appiah	17,158 1,699
abbidon	Moxey Moritz	Price, O'Keefe, Easter, Appiah	17,993 507
Moritz	Easter	Price, Martin, Williams, O'Keefe, Appiah	26,098 1,190
Easter	Williams Garvan	Fitzsimons, Martin, O'Keefe, Easter, Appiah	23,703 1,800
Martin	Williams O'Keefe	Price, Wright, Easter, Appiah	17,453 1,033
Williams	Appiah Banton	Fitzsimons, Parsons, Wynter, Taylor	13,693 2,134
Williams	Nimely Wilbraham	Price, Parsons, Gabbidon, Easter	11,564 579
Bolasie	Moritz Murray	Speroni, Moxey, Wynter, Taylor	11,617 532

From The Vault

Former Palace player Anton Otulakowski comes face to face with an eagle back in the late 80s at a pre-season photo call. Keeping a close eye on things is goalkeeper George Wood, an ornithologist himself, taking more than a keen interest in our friend who has dropped in to Selhurst Park. George has of course returned to the club now as part of the new management team in the role of goalkeeping coach.

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(Correct Up To And Including 05.01.2013)

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cardiff City	27	18	3	6	48	29	19	57
2	Hull City	27	15	4	8	38	30	8	49
3	Leicester City	27	14	5	8	48	23	25	47
4	Crystal Palace	27	13	8	6	50	35	15	47
5	Middlesbro'	27	15	2	10	47	38	9	47
6	Watford	26	13	4	9	49	37	12	43
7	Millwall	27	11	8	8	40	36	4	41
8	Brighton	26	10	10	6	37	27	10	40
9	Nottm Forest	27	10	10	7	38	36	2	40
10	Burnley	27	11	6	10	41	40	1	39
11	Leeds United	27	11	5	11	38	44	-6	38
12	Derby County	27	10	7	10	41	40	1	37
13	Blackburn	26	9	9	8	36	34	2	36
14	Charlton	27	9	9	9	36	37	-1	36
15	Blackpool	27	8	10	9	44	40	4	34
16	Bolton	27	8	9	10	40	41	-1	33
17	Huddersfield	27	8	9	10	32	44	-12	33
18	Wolves	27	9	5	13	33	39	-6	32
19	Ipswich Town	27	8	7	12	27	48	-21	31
20	Birmingham	27	7	9	11	34	43	-9	30
21	Sheffield Wed	27	8	4	15	31	43	-12	28
22	Peterborough	27	8	1	18	38	51	-13	25
23	Barnsley	27	6	6	15	28	43	-15	24
24	Bristol City	26	6	4	16	38	54	-16	22

Top Scorer

1	Murray (right)	23
2	Moritz	5
3	Zaha	5

Top Assists*

1	Garvan	9
2	Bolasie	7
3	Zaha	6

* Includes penalties



Ambassadors Club

Alan Simmons, Colin & Sue Darnell, Julie Bush, David Mills, Natalie Spurling, Richard Taylor, Patrick Maw, Kevin Fearn, Jane Bull, Richard Seaton, Shaun Couling, Paul Read, David Marney, Clive Jones, Eric Mollison, Edward Baker, Jean Boast, Adrian Mollison, Roy Lawrence, Sharon Snashfold, Lee Snashfold, Paul Connery, Stuart Woodrow, James Taylor-Nye, Matthew Towler, Frank & Colin Smith, Terry Harris, Peter Knight, Rick Malec, Philip Solomon, Martin Randall, John Fahey, Matthew Rothwell, Sue King, Neil Witherow, Paul Dean, Joan Dean, David & Jane London, Carl Davies, Ian Noble, Phil Erwood, Des Kelly, Gary Lane, Michael Sullivan, Jason & Sarah Phillips, Robert des Forges, Victor Hillary, Nicholas Sparkes, Derek, Moira, Keith & Mark Lockyer, Michael & Mason D'Rozario, Paul Farley, Graham & Tom Fancett, David Taylor, Howard Taylor, Paul Riley, Gary Carter, Ben Carter, John Ramage, Michael Scott, Julian Ashley, Paul Matthews, David Hyams, Margaret Hyams, Charles Maw, Christopher Mills, Stephen Browett, Charlie Beadell, Ian Pudney, Hazel Pudney, Martin Searle, Jennifer Cirone, Richard Furphy, Thomas Read.

Byfield's Bygones

During this season Communications Manager Terry Byfield will be taking a look back over his 28 years at the club and giving us an opportunity to share his memories of the opposing team that day as we go through the coming season.

This afternoon we have some familiar faces in the away dug-out and there are certainly many memories of Dougie Freedman from over the years as a player for all us Palace supporters to remember him by.

He joined us from Barnet in 1995 and even before he had signed for us he needed to go for the normal medical. I drove the then 21 year old down to Shirley Oaks Hospital and, having survived both my driving and the normal hospital tests, he came back to Selhurst to sign for us.

Little did we know what a career was to be ahead of him with more than 100 goals for the club and I'm sure you all have your favourites. Looking back I would say the winner at Stockport and those two in the play-off semi-final against Wolves probably stand out for me but as I say you will all have those to put top of your list.

I remember driving up to Stockport on the final Sunday of the season at the end of the 2000/01 season and, following the midweek win at Portsmouth, we knew that the great escape could happen. Upon arrival at the ground on the day I met up with the Sky commentary team and we discussed the different permutations that could happen with other results from teams involved in the relegation scrap.

Time certainly dragged until kick-off but once it came around we took our seat in the Edgeley Park Directors' Box along with the club's directors and I remember Simon Jordan's PA had constant feed on her phone informing us of the scores that mattered. Although I preferred to keep attention on the game in front of me and let the other action take care of itself.



As the clock counted down those latest scores elsewhere were going against us and we looked to be heading through the relegation trap door but then Freedman struck his third goal in a crucial week with three minutes to go. That set-off great celebrations in the away end and the visitors section of the Directors' Box and that phone had to be checked for confirmation of the score from Huddersfield, whose defeat to Birmingham secured our escape.

On the journey back players and management all met up with the Palace backroom staff at a hotel just off the M40 to have a quick celebration of the achievement and obviously there was great relief all around.

This was one of those days that will always be remembered in the history books of the club and the mention of the word 'Stockport' takes us all back to that afternoon in May 2001.

I have not had that many visits to

the home of Bolton Wanderers but remember my first couple of visits to The Reebok were doing the games reporting for Capital Gold but both were heavy defeats for the Eagles so are best forgotten! In that survival season of 2000/01 I remember watching a certain Mr Freedman getting two goals in a six goal thriller and us getting a point up there courtesy of a Clinton Morrison goal in added time.

Just a quick work to end with to say thanks to those of you who I spoke to on the way up to Burnley last weekend. For a change I travelled up by train and it was good to have the chance to speak to a few of you about the club and it is good to hear that there are a lot of positive vibes around about what we are doing at the club at the moment. All feedback is good for us behind the scenes – keep it coming through Twitter and Facebook. ■



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Ian Holloway

Julian **Speroni** 01
Joel **Ward** 02
David **Wright** 03
Jonathan **Parr** 04
Patrick **McCarthy** 05
Aaron **Martin** 06
Yannick **Bolasie** 07
Kagisho **Dikgacoi** 08
Owen **Garvan** 10
Darcy **Blake** 14
Mile **Jedinak** 15
Wilfried **Zaha** 16
Glenn **Murray** 17
Aaron **Wilbraham** 18
Jermaine **Easter** 19
Jonathan **Williams** 20
Dean **Moxey** 21
Stuart **O'Keefe** 22
Alex **Nimely** 23
Kwesi **Appiah** 24
Kyle **De Silva** 25
Matthew **Parsons** 26
Damien **Delaney** 27
Peter **Ramage** 28
Andre **Moritz** 30
Danny **Gabbidon** 33
Lewis **Price** 34
Alex **Wynter** 36
Jason **Banton** 38
Ross **Fitzsimons** 40
Quade **Taylor** 41
Jacob **Butterfield** - -



Bolton Wanderers

Manager:
Dougie Freedman

01 Adam **Bogdan**
02 Tyrone **Mears**
03 Marcos **Alonso**
04 Matt **Mills**
05 Tim **Ream**
07 Chris **Eagles**
08 Keith **Andrews**
09 David **N'Gog**
12 Zat **Knight**
14 Kevin **Davies**
16 Mark **Davies**
17 Benik **Afobe**
18 Sam **Ricketts**
19 Marvin **Sordell**
20 Jay **Spearing**
21 Darren **Pratley**
22 Stuart **Holden**
23 Joe **Riley**
24 Andy **Lonergan**
25 Josh **Vela**
26 Robert **Lainton**
27 Chung-Yong **Lee**
28 Craig **Davies**
31 David **Wheater**
33 Adam **Blakeman**
34 Jay **Lynch**
35 Joe **McKee**
38 Sanmi **Odelusi**
39 Alex **McQuade**
41 Chris **Lester**

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Referee *R. Madley*
Assistants *R. Kendall & T. Wood*
Fourth Official *M. Bull*



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Home Match
Charlton Athletic
2nd February 2013
Kick-Off 3pm



Away Match
Watford
8th February 2013
Kick-Off 7.45pm



npower Championship Fixtures

Derby v Nottingham Forest (1pm)
Birmingham City v Brighton
Blackburn Rovers v Charlton Athletic
Ipswich Town v Barnsley
Leeds United v Bristol City
Millwall v Burnley
Peterborough United v Hull City
Sheffield Wednesday v Wolves
Watford v Huddersfield Town
Blackpool v Cardiff City (5.20pm)



Premier League Fixtures

Liverpool v Norwich City
Manchester City v Fulham
Newcastle United v Reading
Swansea City v Stoke City
West Ham United v QPR
Wigan Athletic v Sunderland
West Brom v Aston Villa (5.30pm)



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